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LIST OF CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS.

Rt. Rev. HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese and President of Jubilee College.

ADAMS, ELI, Rector of St. Paul's, Peru, and St. Mark's, Lasalle.

BENEDICT, T. N., Rector of Grace Church, Galena.

BENSON, JOHN, Rector Christ Church, Limestone Prairie and Calvary, Farmington, P. O. Peoria, Missionary.

BENTLEY, JAMES, Rector of St. Peter's, Grand Detour, Missionary.

CHASE, DUDLEY, Rector of Church of the Atonement, Chicago.

CHASE, PHILANDER, Minister at Arcadia, Stark County.

CHASE, SAMUEL, D. D., Vice President of Jubilee College, and South Carolina Professor of Ancient Languages.

CHILD, STEPHEN R., Rector of St. John's Church, Decatur, and Missionary.

CLARK, ANSON, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Rockford.

CLARK, CHARLES P., Rector of Christ Church, Ottawa.

CLARKSON, ROBERT H., Rector of St. James' Church, Chicago.

CRACRAFT, JOHN W., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Peoria.

DEWOLF, ERASTUS, Philadelphia.

DRESSER, CHARLES, Chaplain in Jubilee College, and Professor of Belles Lettres.

DRESSER, DAVID WALKER, Deacon, Christ Church, Waverly, and parts adjacent, Missionary.

GIDDINGE, GEORGE P., Rector of St. John's Church, Quincy.

GOODALE, SAMUEL, Rector of Trinity Church, Rock Island, Missionary.

GRISWOLD, ASA, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

HUTCHINS, BENJAMIN, Albion.

KELLY, CHARLES V., Chicago, Officiating in the Orphan Asylum.

MAYO, JOSEPH, Residing near Kickapoo.

McMASTERS, S. Y., LL. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Alton.

MILLER, ORRIN, P. O., Bonus.

MITCHELL, WILLIAM, M. D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, Chester.

MORRISON, THEODORE N., Rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville.

NASH, FRANCIS B., Rector of Zion Church, Providence, and St. Jude's, Tiskilwa, Missionary.

NASH, RODNEY S., Rector of Trinity Church, Aurora, and St. John's, Oswego, Missionary.

NIGLAS, JOHN, S. T. D., Missionary to Germans in Peoria County, and Officiating in Henry, Marshall County.

NOBLE, LOUIS L.

PIERSON, JOSEPH W., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Springfield.

PORTER, G. S., Jubilee College, Rector of Zion Church, Brimfield, Missionary.

PULFORD, S. D., Woodstock and parts adjacent McHenry County, Missionary.

REIGHLEY, CHARLES, President of Jefferson College, Miss.

RYALL, ROBERT, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Morris.

SAYRES, GEORGE, Rector of St. Paul's, Pekin.

SMALLWOOD, W. A., D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Chicago.

THOMAS, F. W., Bloomington.

UNONIUS, GUSTAF, Rector of St. Ansgarius' Church, Chicago, Missionary.

WARNER, ABRAHAM J., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Farmridge, Missionary.

WATERBURY, JULIUS H., Rector of Calvary Church, Batavia, St. Mark's, Geneva, and St. Paul's, St. Charles, Missionary.

NASH, SYLVESTER, Officiating in Waukegan.

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St. Paul's Church, Alton,
October 17th, 1855.

The Special Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Illinois, assembled for organization and business, this 17th day of October, A. D. 1855, in St. Paul's Church, Alton, being the time and place appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese, under a resolution of the preceding Convention.

The Convention was opened with religious services. The Rev. Dudley Chase read prayers, assisted in the lessons by the Rev. Theo. N. Morrison. Sermon by Rev. Charles Dresser.

The Bishop, at the same time, held an Ordination, and admitted to the Holy Order of Priests, the Rev. Robert Ryall, Deacon. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Chase.

The Bishop administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Drs. Chase and Mitchell.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Secretary proceeded to call the names of the clergy entitled to seats, from the list furnished by the Bishop, when the following responded to their names and took their seats, viz :

Rev. Eli Adams,
" John Benson,
" D. Chase,
" P. Chase,
" S. Chase, D. D.,
" Anson Clark,
" R. H. Clarkson,
" J. W. Cracraft,
" C. Dresser,
" G. P. Giddinge,
" S. Goodale,
Rev. Asa Griswold,
" S. Y. McMasters, LL. D.,
" W. Mitchell, M. D.,
" T. N. Morrison,
" J. Niglas, S. T. D.,
" J. W. Pierson,
" S. D. Pulford,
" Robert Ryall,
" W. A. Smallwood, D. D.,
" G. Unonius,
" J. H. Waterbury.

There appearing a canonical number of the clergy in attendance, the certificates of lay delegates were then called for, and the Rev. S. D. Pulford and Rev. Anson Clark were appointed a committee on testimonials of lay delegates, who, after due examination, offered the following

REPORT:

The committee appointed to examine the credentials of lay delegates, report that they have examined those presented, and find the following persons to have been duly elected:

St. Mark's, Chester—R. B. Servant, John Swanwick.
St. James', Chicago—John Rogers, C. Rollin Larrabee.
St. Paul's, Peoria—J. P. Hotchkiss, M. McReynolds, A. G. Tyng.
St. Paul's, Springfield—S. H. Treat, A. Campbell.
St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge—Henry Down.
Trinity, Chicago—James L. Reynolds, W. W. Danenhower, Geo. Ely, James Hankey, James O. Parsons.
Trinity, Jacksonville—Bezaleel Gillette.
Calvary, Farmington—Wm. Wilkinson, S. C. Judd, Sam'l Wilkinson.
St. Stephen's, Pittsfield—Daniel B. Bush, William H. Kerman, W. A. Grimshaw.
St. Ansgarius, Chicago—A. B. Johnson.
Christ Church, Limestone Prairie—Jno. Pennington, D. H. Beadel.
Christ Church, Waukegan—W. Besley.
Grace Church, Chicago—J. W. Chickering, H. W. Zimmerman, J. Brinckerhoff, L. S. Warner.
St. John's, Quincy—Francis C. Moore, Stephen B. Hoffman.
St. Paul's, Peru—James Barton, C. Coffing, L. Delany.
Zion Church, Brimfield—W. W. Church.
St. Paul's, Alton—John Bailhache, J. W. Schweppe, E. M. Hazard, Charles Trumbull.
Atonement, Chicago—Edward Varian, Henry S. Jennings, Reuben Taylor.
St. Thomas', Morris—Jno. Ryall, A. Bennett, B. M. Atherton.
Christ Church, Robin's Nest—H. I. Chase, John Radley, L. Coolidge, C. C. Barclay, M. D.

S. D. PULFORD, } *Committee.*
ANSON CLARK, }

The names of the lay delegates, duly appointed, being called, the following answered and took their seats:

R. B. Servant,	St. Mark's	Church,	Chester.
John Rogers, C. R. Larrabee,	St. James'	"	Chicago.
A. G. Tyng,	St. Paul's	"	Peoria.
S. H. Treat, A. Campbell,	St. Paul's	"	Springfield.
Henry Down,	St. Andrew's	"	Farm Ridge.
George Ely, J. Hankey,	Trinity	"	Chicago.
B. Gillette,	Trinity	"	Jacksonville.
W. Wilkinson, S. Wilkinson,	Calvary	"	Farmington.
W. A. Grimshaw,	St. Stephen's	"	Pittsfield.
A. B. Johnson,	St. Ansgarius	"	Chicago.
J. Pennington,	Christ	"	Limestone.
W. Besley,	Christ	"	Waukegan.
J. W. Chickering,	Grace	"	Chicago.
F. C. Moore,	St. John's	"	Quincy.
W. W. Church,	Zion	"	Brimfield.
J. Bailhache, J. W. Schweppe, E. M. Hazard,	St. Paul's	"	Alton.
H. S. Jennings, Reuben Taylor,	Atonement	"	Chicago.
B. M. Atherton,	St. Thomas'	"	Morris.
C. C. Barclay, M. D.,	Christ	"	Robin's Nest.

There being a canonical number of lay delegates present, thus constituting a quorum in both orders, the house was declared to be fully organized.

On motion, balloting for Secretary was unanimously dispensed with:

Whereupon, the Rev. S. Chase, D. D., the former Secretary, was unanimously elected, who appointed the Rev. Joseph W. Pierson as assistant Secretary.

A committee was appointed on the organization of new parishes, and their admission into union with Convention, consisting of Rev. S. Y. McMasters, LL. D., Rev. J. W. Cracraft and Judge Servant.

On motion,

Resolved, That clergymen present not entitled to seats, and candidates for orders, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The following clergymen, not entitled to seats in the Convention were admitted to its sittings:

Rev. W. W. Arnett, D. D., of Wisconsin;
" M. Schuyler, of Missouri;
" H. McClory, of Connecticut;
" T. Corlett, of Ohio;
" C. V. Kelly, of Illinois.

On motion, it was ordered that this Convention take a recess until half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention reassembled at half past 3 P. M.

The election of Treasurer being the business in order, on ballot, the Rev. S. Chase, D. D., was elected Treasurer.

The Standing committee offered the following

REPORT:

The Standing committee of the Diocese would respectfully report that, since the last Convention, they have recommended to the Bishop, to be received as candidates for Holy Orders, two persons, viz: John Wilkinson and John Read West. David Walker Dresser has been recommended by the committee, to the Bishop, for Deacon's orders. The committee have also recommended Rev. Julius Henry Waterbury, Deacon, and Rev. Robert Ryall, Deacon, for Priest's orders.

WM. A. SMALLWOOD,
Chairman.

The committee appointed on the organization of new parishes, offered the following

REPORT:

The committe appointed to examine papers relating to the organization of new parishes, report that, upon examination, they find correct, those relating to the following parishes:

St. Mark's Church,		Geneva.
Calvary	"	Batavia.
Trinity	"	Rock Island.
Grace	"	Moline.
St. Luke's	"	Wyoming.
St. Paul's	"	Lee Centre.
St. John's	"	Decatur.
St. Peter's	"	Sycamore.
Grace Parish,		Rock Island co.

The papers relating to Arcadia Parish, Arcadia, are found defective.

S. Y. McMASTERS,
J. W. CRACRAFT, } *Committee.*
R. B. SERVANT,

On motion, the above parishes were admitted to union with this Convention.

The Treasurer then presented his account, which was referred to the following committee to audit: Rev. J. W. Cracraft, Mr. J. W. Schweppe.

The Trustees of the Diocese, reported as follows:

REPORT of the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Illinois.

The committee, by direction of the Convention of last year, had charge of the assessment of the parishes of the Diocese, for the raising of $2,000 for the salary of the Bishop. According to the best information they could procure, they have prepared the following assessment, and submit it now for the action of the Convention. They have not taken steps toward collecting it, because they preferred, that in so important a matter, the Convention should either approve, or amend the assessment.

St. James, Chicago,	$260	Brimfield,	10
Trinity, "	200	Kickapoo	10
Grace, "	140	Farmington,	20
Atonement, "	90	Decatur,	10
Galena,	100	Pekin,	20
Quincy,	110	Tremont,	10
Peoria,	110	Rock Island and Moline,	30
Springfield,	80	St. Ansgarius, Chicago,	20
Alton,	80	Grand Detour,	20
Robin's Nest	80	Dixon,	20

Rockford,	50	Albion,	10
Ottawa,	40	Pittsfield,	20
Jacksonville,	30	Woodstock,	10
Peru and Lasalle,	40	Elgin and Algonquin,	10
Freeport,	30	Vandalia and Centralia,	10
Waukegan,	30	Metamora,	10
Aurora,	30	Mendon,	10
Batavia,	20	Waverly,	5
St. Charles,	20	Rushville,	10
Geneva,	20	Collinsville,	5
Joliet,	30	Edwardsville,	5
Lockport,	30	Erindale,	5
Farmridge,	20	Limestone,	20
Providence,	10	Mt. Sterling,	5
Tiskilwa,	10	Naperville,	5
Warsaw,	20	Oswego,	5
Bloomington,	30	Sycamore,	10
Morris,	20		
Chester,	25		$2,080

The Rev. A. Clark and Judge Treat, were appointed a committee on unfinished business.

The auditing committee reported the Treasurer's account correct.

The committee on unfinished business reported, verbally, that there was no unfinshed business except the amendment to the Constitution, proposed last year, viz: that the fourth article of the Constitution be amended by inserting in the 12th line, after the word "learning," the words "within the Diocese."

On motion, this amendment to the Constitution was adopted.

The amendment of the second article of the Constitution, reported at the last Convention, by the committee upon the revision of canons, was adopted, viz:

Erase, in line second, first Monday in September; insert in lieu thereof the third Wednesday in October, and add to the article as follows: In case of a prevalence of an epidemic disease, the Bishop (or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate,) the Standing committee shall have power to change the time or place, or both, of said meeting, at his discretion.

In the year of the Triennial meeting of the General Convention, the convention shall be held on the Wednesday on, or first after, the 10th day of September.

The Bishop communicated to the Convention his purpose of holding confirmation at the State Prison, and invited the members of the Convention to be present.

On motion, this invitation was accepted, with a vote of thanks to the Wardens of the prison.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet on Thursday, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

SECOND DAY.

The Convention assembled at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Joseph W. Pierson. The lessons were read by the Rev. Robert Ryall. The ante-communion service, being the festival of St. Luke, was read by the Bishop.

After service, the roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved.

The committee on the credentials of lay delegates, reported favorably on the following:

Emmanuel Church, Rockford—J. D. Seaton, and Dr. R. P. Lane;
Christ Church, Waverly—S. G. M. Allis;
Who answered to their names and took their seats in the Convention.

The Bishop then proceeded to deliver his address, as follows:

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

In obedience to my duty under the canon, I present to you, in the usual Address, the record of my official acts during the past Conventional year. On former occasions, I have ventured to propose plans of action, and make appeal on important particulars of our work and condition. I will not now so trespass, but confine myself within the stricter bounds of business detail. There are, in every aspect of the Diocese, regarded as a field for the church's labor and progress, stimulus and encouragement. In its external condition, the church has gained; and as far as the increase of population, wealth, intelligence and combined exertion afford legitimate material for this, must continue to grow. Yet the reality of her aggregate condition is very small and feeble in comparison with her claims, and as yet—Lord, how long?—we are struggling on, only in the form of a smaller sect, and without influence that has grasped, anywhere, society to mould it, or the public

heart to move its impulses. Whether we can ever attain this ascendency over our broad land, remains to be seen. We know that, as a branch of the church universal, endowed with every gift of ministry, creeds, worship and sacraments, in theory we ought thus to prevail. It is our legitimate aim, short of which we cannot be content to stop. The sad reality of our present helplessness must not dispirit us. It may make us "sow in tears" and "witness in sackcloth." We may bear a taunt like the apostle—that our letters are weighty and powerful, but our bodily presence is weak and contemptible. Great hardship must be the lot of our ministry; spiritual deprivations the painful hunger of many an isolated churchman's heart. Some, even of our small numbers, as scattered abroad, yield to the force of circumstances, and give up their birthright, while toil gathered congregations sink away, and, even while babes, become withered and decayed. As ministers and christians we must be willing not to turn away from this aspect. It may teach us many a lesson of humility, dependence and deep faith. It will teach us to sustain our courage, more by the power of Christ and His word of promise, than by any conscious ability, the natural resources around us, or present possession. We may measure our responsibility by our privileges; but we must shape our work, and discipline our mind, and even cheer our hearts, by that whereunto we have already attained. Outlays without return, labor without recompense, disappointments of every kind in the changes and conduct of the ministry, in the bad faith of the laity for pecuniary provision, sad consciousness that opportunities are hurrying by, never to return, which we are too apathetic to regard, and growth so slow as almost to be imperceptible in many places where there is anxious labor—all forms of these exist. I cannot deny it: and still through it all, in spite of it all, there are expanding force and stronger hold. Admitting all the discouragement from our general aspect, and the detail of our particular infirmities and trials—still I believe there is progress and success. But success and trials alike must beckon on to exertion—working for the outward growth—seizing its means, and with practical spirit securing all appliances, but ever with paramount consciousness that the true "Kingdom of God is within," and that no real advance is found in the external observance of sign and sacrament unless there is the conversion of the heart, and the reverent obedience to God's holy ways.

I have the first record to make, this year, of death among our clergy, occurring in my Episcopate—the Rev. Joseph M. Darrow, of

Collinsville. He died after a few hours attack from cholera—a death short in its call, but not sudden to our Brother. His end was calm in submission, and cheerful in hope. For nearly a score years, in the same neighborhood, he executed the laborious duties of a physician, in addition to those of the ministry. The churches at Edwardsville and Collinsville were mainly built by his personal pecuniary sacrifice, and are both now left, by his decease, in a state, I fear, of beggared orphanage. The church has lost in him a man adorning her doctrine and discipline, by a consistent life of faith, and love, and work; while the secluded spot chosen for his life's duty, in connection with the large spirit of sacrifice and zeal in which he unremittingly toiled, afforded proof indisputable, that the praise of God was his single aim, and the "recompense of reward" lay far beyond the gifts and honors of the church below. The spirit of our Brother's life of self-denial, patience, consistency and diligence, may be for us a helpful example, and his death joins its admonition to that which comes from many like warnings in the ranks of our common ministry, to give earnest head to the rule of duty of our blessed Master, which His own example made so clear in its compass—"I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work."

My first service, after the adjournment of the last Convention, was at Providence, Bureau county, where I officiated in the morning of *Sunday, October* 29, and in the afternoon of the same day at Tiskilwa. These places, were, at that time, under the temporary charge of Rev. George S. Porter, but have since secured as Rector the Rev. F. B. Nash, from the Diocese of Ohio, who is working there with promise of much success. They propose building a parsonage at the former place, where the church owns about seven acres of land.

I confirmed, on both occasions, at Providence, *five*, and at Tiskilwa, *two*. Besides the Rev. Mr. Porter, I was assisted in the services by Rev. George Sayres.

Sunday, Nov. 5.---Officiated in Calvary Church, Farmington, where I preached twice, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed *four*. Mr. John Wilkinson, son of the warden, and father of this parish, has since become a candidate for Orders, and joined the junior class of the General Seminary.

From Farmington I went to Jubilee College, and spent several days; and on *Wednesday, November* 8, I rode to Arcadia, where the Rev. Philander Chase is erecting a place of worship, on fifty acres of land

deeded by him to the church. The population is scattered, and there are but few Episcopalians. I fear the enterprise will tax heavily the zeal and perseverance of its founder ; but it is in good hands for a favorable issue.

Monday, November 12—Visited St. Paul's Church, Peoria, preaching morning and afternoon, and confirmed *six*. The church edifice has been much improved, and by these alterations become one of the largest in the Diocese.

On *Wednesday, November* 22, I had the pleasure of attending the consecration of the Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., as the Provisional Bishop of New York. The impressive services took place in Trinity Church, New York, in which I read the gospel, and assisted in the Communion.

On *Sunday, January* 14, 1855, visited St. James' Church, Chicago ; preached, and confirmed *ten*. On the evening of the same day preached and confirmed *six*, in Trinity Church, in the same city.

On *Tuesday, January* 16, went to Rockford, and on the afternoon of the next day, preached and confirmed *five*, in Emmanuel Church.

Thursday Evening, January 18.—I officiated in Grace Church, Galena, and confirmed *five*. On Friday I returned to Chicago, on the eve of a violent snow storm, which, for several weeks, interrupted travel, and affected seriously the services in the churches. In consequence of this, and to remedy the effect as far as possible, I repeated the visitation to each of the churches concerned ; but even in this way, the candidates for confirmation could not all assemble.

Sunday, January 21.—Preached and confirmed *three* in the Church of the Atonement, where I also baptized a lady.

Sunday, January 28.—Preached and confirmed, again, *three* in the Church of the Atonement. In the evening preached and confirmed *seven*, in Grace Church, Chicago.

Sunday, February 4.—Baptized an adult, preached and administered the Holy Communion, in Trinity Church, Chicago.

In the evening of the same day, preached in Grace Church, and confirmed *five*.

On *Wednesday, February* 7, I held an Ordination in Trinity Church, Chicago, and admitted the Rev. Julius H. Waterbury, Deacon, to the Priesthood. Morning prayer was read by Rev. Dr. McMasters, and the lessons by the Rev. Robert H. Clarkson. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Louis L. Noble. Rev. Dr. Smallwood, Rev. Dudley

Chase, and Rev. Henry Neely, from the Diocese of Western New York, assisted in the services, and united in the laying on of hands.

My next official duty was on *Sunday, April* 29, in Trinity Church, Aurora, where I administered confirmation to *five* persons, one of them a blind man. The missionary here tendered, at this time, his resignation to the Vestry, in consequence of the extent of labor in the other places under his charge. It having been accepted, Aurora, with Oswego, constitutes a distinct parish, under the care of the Rev. Rodney S. Nash, recently transferred from the Diocese of Ohio.

In the afternoon, I preached in the Methodist Church, in Batavia, and baptized, by request, five children. The prospects are favorable, for the early erection, here, of a church edifice. The same may be said of Geneva, where I preached in the evening, and baptized an infant. The field of the Rev. Mr. Waterbury now comprises Batavia, Geneva and St. Charles.

Monday, April 30.—Preached at St. Charles.

Tuesday, May 1.—Visited Oswego, and preached; the Methodist church being kindly given for the service.

Wednesday, May 2.—Visited Grand Detour. Preached in the evening in St. Peter's Church, and again, on *Thursday, May* 3; on which occasion I confirmed *two* persons.

In the evening of the same day, preached, and confirmed *one* in Dixon, having the use for the service of the Baptist church.

My next appointment was at Belvidere; but in consequence of the miscarriage of the notice sent six weeks before, I found, on arrival, that no preparation had been made for service.

Saturday, May 5.—Reached Waukegan, where I stayed until Monday afternoon. On *Sunday, May* 6, there being no settled clergyman, I officiated in Christ Church, morning and afternoon, administering the Holy Communion, and preaching on both occasions.

Tuesday, May 9.—Preached at Naperville, assisted in the prayers by the Rev. M. Waterbury, who had occasionally held service there.

Wednesday May 9.—I preached at Joliet, and confirmed *nine.*

Thursday, May 10—The same service at Lockport, where, in Christ Church, I confirmed *two*, and administered the Holy Communion.

Friday, May 11.—I baptized, at Joliet, three children. Went from there to Bloomington, where I preached in the evening, and confirmed *five.* The worship of this promising young congregation is now held in a large room, furnished with pews, and fitted up, in all respects, as

a church. It is in their exclusive possession for divine worship, and meets the present necessities of the congregation, which is now without a pastor, from the recent resignation of Rev. F. W. Thomas.

On Saturday morning, May 12, I preached again, and administered the Holy Communion to about twenty persons.

Sunday, May 13, I spent in Springfield, where I preached morning and evening in St. Paul's Church, confirming, on the latter occasion, *seven* persons. The Rev. Mr. Pierson has succeeded Rev. Mr. Dresser in the Rectorship, and the parish is prospering under his charge.

On *Monday Evening, May* 14, I preached and confirmed *twelve* in Trinity Church, Jacksonville. This congregation has rapidly advanced, with the Divine blessing on the labors of the Rev. Mr. Morrison, and the number confirmed, as well as the size of the congregation, indicated an increased interest in the church. There is a plan on foot to enlarge the building, which, if carried out, will improve its appearance, as well as increase its accommodation for worshippers. A debt of five hundred dollars has been very liberally settled. It was of long standing, but had been secured by Mr. D. Rockwell, at that time resident in Jacksonville, retained by him at the convenience of the corporation, and was fully discharged by him, on the receipt of the principal, without any interest for so many years.

Thursday, May 17*th.*----Held service in St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, assisted by the late Rector, Rev. J. T. Worthington, who resides there but officiates in Missouri, to which Diocese he has been transferred. This parish after being vacant for some time is now in charge of Rev. Asa Griswold.

Friday, May 18, made a visitation to St. John's, Quincy; where I had the pleasure of finding its Rector, Rev. Mr. Giddinge, in improved health. During his absence, the church had been ably supplied by the Rev. T. J. Evans, of Connecticnt. I preached and confirmed *nine.*

The next day accompanied by Rev. Mr. Giddinge, I went to Mendon, and after the sermon confirmed *two.* For several months the services in Zion Church, have been kept up through the clergymen at Quincy, there being at present no settled Pastor.

On *Sunday, May* 20,----I consecrated St. Paul's Church, Warsaw; and preached on that occasion, and in the afternoon, where I confirmed *six* persons.

For five years, since his ordination to the Deaconate, the Rev. Stephen Child, has labored with exemplary diligence and self denial in

this parish, and now leaves in it a comparatively strong congregation and an appropriate edifice, a gratifying evidence of the Divine blessing, and his own fidelity.

My next service was on *Wednesday Evening May* 23, in Rock Island, held in a large room in the "Seminary," where I preached and confirmed *one*. There were present besides the Rector, the Rev. Samuel Goodale, Dr. Henderson, of New Jersey, Rev. Messrs. Louderback, of Iowa, and Freeman, of Ohio.

Thursday, 24.—Preached and confirmed in St. Paul's Church, Peru; among them two sons and a daughter of the Rector. The congregation remains about the same, and some pecuniary losses among contributors have retarded the erection of a church, but the present efforts promise I learn, an early success.

Saturday, May 26.—Preached in Christ Church, Limestone Prairie, and confirmed *five*, and after service went with Rev. Dr. Chase to Jubilee College. On Sunday, being the festival of Pentecost, I confirmed *four* in the Chapel of the Institution. In the afternoon in Christ Church, Brimfield; confirmed *one*, and returning to the College, in the evening after prayers, addressed the Students.

On Monday there was a meeting of the Trustees, and the affairs of the College continue steadily improving. From the statement of its academic department, there has never been a year in its history, affording more gratifying results in the number, advancement, and discipline of the students. The theological studies have been more systematic, owing to the valuable services of the Rev. Mr. Dresser, to whom the candidates for orders have recited daily; and I have pleasure in adding, that recently the Rev. Joseph Muenscher, D. D., late of Kenyon College, Ohio, has been appointed to the Professorship of Biblical Learning, and will accept the situation, if the efforts which he generously proposes to make for the increase of funds for building and endowment, should prove successful. Nothing can be more important for the Diocese than that aid should be rendered to the extent sufficient to make proper provision for the numerous applicants for admission, whom we are now compelled to refuse for want of room; and especially for the sons of the clergy, in whose behalf special appeal will be made for permanent scholarship provision. But I can not forego the hope, from the beginning cherished by me, that the Institution will be placed on a general footing, sufficient in room and instruction to allow the extension of its privileges with entire gratuity

from its earliest to its latest charge to the sons of the officiating ministers of the Diocese. In this way it would become a perennial support to our Diocesan Missions in an effective and honorable form. With the large and available basis already laid, a comparatively small endowment would plant the College in dignified strength; and open in legitimate breadth its stream of usefulness.

Wednesday, May 30, at Pekin, where the service was held in the Methodist church, I confirmed *two.*

Thursday, 31.—Christ church, Metamora, confirmed *one.*

Friday June 1, preached in Christ church, Ottawa, and confirmed *one.*

On *Sunday, June* 3, in the morning confirmed *seven* and administered the Holy Communion in St. Andrews, Farmridge. In the evening returned to Ottawa, and after sermon confirmed again *one* person.

On *Monday Evening, June* 4, preached in the Methodist Church, Morris, and confirmed *one.* Two lots have been purchased here for a church, 50 by 120 each, which are well situated, and some progress has been made in collecting, for the erection upon them of a school house, for temporary use as a church. The pecuniary resources here are much below the love for the church, and anxiety for her ministrations, but I trust they will receive assistance effective for the success of their earnest desires. The missionary has extended his care to Wauponseh and Lisbon. In both of these places there is a strong interest felt, and encouraging promise of advance.

In the month of July, I again entered upon a visitation, but which was more limited than I intended, for want of preparation in some of the places indicated. It related principally to points where I hoped an opening existed for establishing congregations, and in vacant parishes. In the course of it, I spent some days, from July 17th, at Jubilee College, and from there, went for *Sunday,* 22, to Sycamore, the county seat of DeKalb. Through the polite arrangement of its minister, I was allowed to use, for a morning and afternoon service, the Presbyterian Church—the Rev. Mr. Gore and his congregation being, on both occasions, the attendants on those services. There are a few Episcopalians, but with a spirit and zeal which will master that disadvantage, and at an early period, provide for regular worship and a building of our own. The Rev. Mr. Waterbury has since visited there to organize a parish.

From Sycamore I went to Woodstock, in McHenry county, and preached on the evening of *Thursday,* in the "Baptist Hall." This

place could be connected with Algonquin, and other points in the county, with prospect of a good return for missionary labor; and I am thankful to say that the Rev. Mr. Pulford has entered upon the experiment.

On *Sunday, July* 29, I officiated all day in Zion Church, Freeport, where I administered the Holy Communion and preached. I also baptized a child. The Rev. Mr. Bentley assisted me in the services, having been accidently detained there from his own duty at Grand Detour. This parish, with its appropriate church, has been without a clergyman far longer than should have been the case. It is one of our most vigorous and beautiful places—advancing socially with rapidity, and with material around to reward with success the efforts of a pastor. With more resolute energy on the part of the congregation, I cannot doubt it would be readily filled.

My next visitation duty in the Diocese was at Jubilee College, where, on *Sunday, October* 7, I admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, David Walker Dresser, a candidate of this Diocese. Morning prayer was read by Rev. Dr. Muenscher, of Ohio, assisted in the lessons by Rev. Dr. Niglas. The candidate was presented by his father, who also, with Dr. Chase, took part in the office of the communion. The event was one of great interest to the Institution, as Mr. Dresser has received within it his full academic and theological course, graduating with its honors, and sustaining, afterwards, the place of instructor. The circle of friends and associates around him, sympathized deeply in the solemn ordinal, and rejoiced in the prospect of his good work for Christ and the Church.

From Jubilee I went to Knoxville, and preached in the evening of *Monday, October* 8. I was accompanied by the Rev. George S. Porter, who, at my request, had visited this place a few times, in hope of reviving a long dormant interest. There is a valuable lot here, owned by the church, and although the real strength is small, there is material enough here and at Galesburg, five miles off, to give fair encouragement to the work of a missionary.

My next visit was on *Tuesday, October* 9, to Kewanee, a new village of eighteen months' growth, on the line of the Burlington railroad. It was induced by a correspondence, some weeks before, with an energetic and faithful resident, who removed from Boston after having had, for many years, the successful charge of one of the largest Sunday schools of the Episcopal church in that city. With two other gentlemen, mem-

bers of the same parish, he removed to this State ; has already established a prosperous school of fifty children, and with his friends, equally zealous, will, I doubt not, soon provide for the regular ministrations to an organized congregation. I held service, preached in the afternoon, and again in the evening.

On *Wednesday evening*, I preached and confirmed *seven*, in Rock Island. In addition to the Rector, we had the pleasure of the attendance of the Rev. Mr. Louderback, of Davenport, Iowa, and Rev. Mr. Brewster, of New Haven.

The next day I spent at a settlement principally of Irish, on the border of Pre-emption Prairie, twelve miles from Rock Island, and within the county. They have all thriven in their adopted country, by the blessing of God, on their investments and labors ; and no rural district in the State possesses, within the same scope, so many with birthright relation to the church. For a time, Rev. Mr. Clotworthy worked among them with fidelity ; but recently, they have been attended to by the Rev. Mr. Goodale, whose other large and growing duties only allow him to give a single service in each month. We worshipped in a small school house, in all respects unsuitable ; but from the apparent warm interest excited, I left with great hope that heart and hand among them would respond to the call of pressing obligation, as God hath blessed them.

On *Friday*, in Zion Church, Providence, I preached and confirmed *three*, the second visitation within the convention year, and in the evening, at Tiskilwa, I preached again.

On *Sunday morning*, *October* 14, I officiated in the Church of St. Ansgarius, Chicago, and confirmed *twelve*. The Rev. Mr. Unonius had been suddenly called away by the severe illness of his wife. His place in presenting the candidates, was supplied by the Rev. Mr. Clarkson, but the services were necessarily thrown into the English tongue, without the benefit of an interpreter.

In St. Paul's, Alton, our place of assembling, I confirmed, on *Tuesday evening*, *seven* persons. It was on the occasion of the first of the sermons connected with the meeting of the Convention. The appointed subject was Christian Education, and fulfilled by one whose experience and character combined to make his words, on such a theme, deep toned with practical wisdom and religious compass.

In connection with the opening services of the Convention, I admitted in your presence, to the Holy Order of Priests, the Rev. Robert Ryall. The candidate was presented by Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D.,

who, with Rev. Mr. Dresser, Rev. Dr. Mitchell, and Rev. Mr. Morrison, united in the laying on of hands.

Passing from my personal acts, I present the record of the other incidents properly involved in such an address.

The changes among the clergy have been as follows:

The Rev. Joseph W. Pierson has resigned the charge of Christ Church, Waukegan, and accepted the Rectorship of St. Paul's, Springfield.

Rev. S. R. Child, after five years of faithful labor at Warsaw, the whole since his ordination as Deacon, has removed to Decatur, and is missionary there, and at parts adjacent.

Rev. S. D. Pulford has resigned Lockport and Joliet, and settled as Missionary at Woodstock, and other places in McHenry county.

The Rev. Asa Griswold, Missionary on the line of the Central Railroad, has accepted the rectorship of St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, Pike co.

Rev. Benjamin Hutchins has resigned the parish at Albion, but continues to reside there, and the Rev. L. S. Noble that of Grace Church, Chicago.

Rev. F. W. Thomas, deacon, who has spent the year at Bloomington, McLean county, has also resigned within a few days, and is now without charge.

The following clergymen have been received into the Diocese, by Letters Dimissory:

Rev. Samuel Goodale, from Bishop Henry W. Lee, of Iowa;
" Francis Burdett Nash, } from Bishop McIlvaine, of Ohio.
" Rodney S. Nash, }

Rev. Mr. Goodale is stationed at Rock Island, Rev. F. B. Nash at Providence and Tiskilwa, and Rev. Rodney S. Nash, at Aurora.

In the same time, I have given letters addressed to Bishop of Ohio, in behalf of the Rev. Mr. Kellogg, and to the Bishop of Missouri, for Rev. J. T. Worthington.

The candidates for Orders are three:—

C. Collingwood Barclay;
John Read West;
John Wilkinson.

William Willis DeWolf, is also an applicant, but owing to accident, his papers did not reach the Standing committee. They will be immediately submitted.

Of the candidates reported last year, Charles Minkler Taylor has

withdrawn from ill health, and David Walker Dresser has been ordained deacon.

The ordinations have been three, viz :

David Walker Dresser to the Diaconate, with full qualifications ; Rev. Julius H. Waterbury, deacon, and Rev. Robert Ryall, deacon, to the priesthood.

The following notices have been received from other Dioceses :

From Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., deposition of Rev. E. A. Greenleaf.

From Rt. Rev. F. H. Rutledge, deposition of Rev. Isaac Swart.

The displacement of Rev. W. W. Dodge "from the office of Priest in the Church of God," from Rt. Rev. B. B. Smith, D. D., of Kentucky.

From Rt. Rev. W. H. DeLancey, D. D. LL. D., of Rev. Benjamin. W. Whitcher, deposed, *ipso facto*, for joining the Roman Catholic Church.

From Rt. Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., of Rev. Homer Wheaton, under Canon V., 1850.

From Rt. Rev. W. H. DeLancey, of Rev. J. Sidney Davenport, deposed *ipso facto*.

From Rt. Rev. Thos. F. Davis, D. D., Bishop of South Carolina, of the deposition of Rev. Augustus L. Converse, Presbyter, by Canon VIII, of the Diocese of South Carolina.

From Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., William Markoe, Presbytery of Wisconsin, under Canon V., 1850.

From Rt. Rev. George W. Doane, D. D., LL. D., Rev. George Hobart Doane, deposed *ipso facto*.

I gave my official consent to the consecration of the Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., as Provisional Bishop of New York, and Rev. Thomas March Clark, D. D., as Bishop of Rhode Island.

MISSIONARY.

The Missionaries of the Diocese receiving assistance for the whole or part of the past year from the Board of Missions, are as follows :

Vandalia and Central R. R.—Rev. Asa Griswold.

Providence and Tiskilwa.—Rev. G. S. Porter and Rev. F. B. Nash.

Grand Detour, Dixon, &c.—Rev. James Bentley.

Germans in Peoria Cy.—Rev. Dr. Niglas.

Metamora and Pekin.—Rev. George Sayres.

Rock Island, &c.—The Rev. Samuel Goodale.

Brimfield and Knoxville, six months.—Rev. G. S. Porter.

Decatur.—Rev. S. R. Child.

Aurora.—Rev. Rodney S. Nash.

Rev. Gustaf Unonius, special for Scandanavian Mission.

Peru and Lasalle.—Rev. Eli Adams, by Missionary Association for the West.

Chicago.—Church of Atonement, Rev. Dudley Chase, by Missionary Association for the West.

Geneva, Batavia, &c.—Rev. Julius H. Waterbury, by Church of Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Diocesan Appointments, were—

Warsaw.—Rev. S. R. Child.

Bloomington.—Rev. F. W. Thomas.

Lockport and Joliet.—Rev. S. D. Pulford.

Stark County.—Rev. Philander Chase.

Limestone Prairie.—Rev. John Benson.

Farmridge.—Rev. A. J. Warner.

There are four vacancies in the Diocese, where there are churches and parishes capable of sustaining a clergyman, viz: Grace Church, Chicago; Zion Church, Freeport; St. Paul's Church, Warsaw; St. John's Church, Lockport, with Joliet; but I am happy to say, that the number of clergy willing to come into the Diocese, should suitable occasion offer, out number the vacancies.

Our main anxiety is in behalf of feeble but promising points for missionary experiment, for which both funds and men are wanting. In the rapid development of internal resources in such places, and the influx of population, changes are so rapid that a few months create material for church organization and ministerial support. The social progress around us is beyond all precedent, and the area of the church's practical influence and duty is consequently expanding with unexpected direction and force. Statistics soon grow antiquated in Illinois. It is no isolated fact for a village to spring up on the naked prairie, and number its five hundred in little more than a year; and I have places in my mind where, on my first visit, there was not a solitary dwelling, that now give a census of twelve hundred inhabitants. The claim upon

us for effort, though unceasing on all sides, does not always correspond with such statistics, for inquiry has failed to find a single Episcopal family in several of these towns.

I here insert in this Address the record of one of the most interesting events of my ministry—the confirmation, on the afternoon of Thursday, October 18, of *seventy male Convicts* in the Penitentiary of the State, situated in this city. The Rev. Dr. McMasters has been for seven months Chaplain of the Institution, by appointment from the Governor, during which time he has ministered each Lord's day in the morning, in separate services to the male and female departments. For some weeks past, there has been evident a decided religious feeling, gaining more and more among the inmates. The personal indications of this contrition, exhibited during public worship, have been followed up by conversations in the cells; and after as faithful examination and guidance as the cases admitted, it was deemed proper to baptize twenty-two of the number, and administer to the large body besides, who desired it, the rite of confirmation.

The clergy and laity attendant upon the the convention were invited to be present, and I am sure the incidents of the remarkable scene will never be effaced from the cherished recollection of all privileged to participate in it. I cannot assume space here to dwell upon the thrilling particulars; but must state, that never, so far as the outward signs of inward feeling can be trusted—have I gathered a more decided conviction of the genuine, truthful and deep emotions of the heart, than from the affecting demeanor of the candidates who knelt in their prison garb in that sad place for the laying on of hands; or listened with intense earnestness and gushing tears to the instruction and appeal addressed to them.

They who, in that hour, and in the midst of such dreary associations "witnessed a good confession," have, indeed, a perilous course before them; especially when first relieved from bondage, and cast again, bewildered, on society, little prepared to guard or pity them. I cannot forbear expressing the anxious hope that a consciousness of their exposure may lead to some association of the church in Alton to watch the future of these awakened and reclaimed men; sustain them in their religious efforts while in confinement, and above all, to provide for each of them, as they come out, some present maintenance and suitable employment, where they may redeem character, and secure the avails of honest industry.

The solemn service took place in the eating hall, which is the only place where divine worship can be held; inappropriate in itself, as well as divested of all reverent association. The erection of a suitable chapel, and the employment of a chaplain who can give his whole time to the work of moral and religious recovery, (involving at this period about four hundred and fifty persons,) are claims pressing upon the duty of the State, which, I trust, her legislators will not overlook.

On the afternoon of the next day, I confirmed *four* in the female department; the touching incidents of which, except in the number engaged, were not inferior to those of the previous day.

The summary of my acts is as follows:

I have made in all about *sixty visitations*, inclusive of places and parishes visited more than once; which have comprehended I believe, all the locations under charge of ministers except Chester; and all others in which the need of an Episcopal visit was supposed by me to exist.

In the course of these visitations I have confirmed *thirty-eight times*, the number presented having been *two hundred and fifty-nine.*

I have preached on every occasion and addressed the confirmed.

In the course of the year I have preached in all *one hundred and twice*—and made *forty-five* addresses, in all 147.

I have administered the Holy Communion *twenty-four* times, and *once* in private, 25.

Consecrated one church—St. Paul's, Warsaw.

Have baptized *four* adults, *sixteen* infants—20. Married *one* couple, and attended *three* funerals.

I have received within a few days a document from the Bishop of London, as President of a new Society having for its object to assist the church in this country in her weighty charge of the Emigrant members of the church of Great Britain. It opens seasonable assistance in the heavy burthen of expense and responsibility; and through the provision of regular means of bringing these strangers immediately to the notice of the Clergy, will save thousands from forsaking the ritual of their fathers; or, as so largely happens, casting off all restraints of worship and religion. The common work will make another intimate relation—God be praised—between the Mother and Daughter Church, and lay another chain for love's electric interchange beyond the ocean.

As the plan may be deemed by you justly claimant for honorable

notice, I venture to present it to the attention of this body—the Church's representatives in a State which is the home of thousands of such adopted sons, and the resting place for the weary foot of tens of thousands more on the great march of Westward Emigration. It is as follows:

FIGHELDEAN, September 14.

RIGHT REV. AND DEAR SIR:—As Secretary of the Anglo-American Church Emigrants' Aid Society, I have great pleasure in sending you a copy of the letter of the Bishop of London to all the American Bishops, the original of which has been transmitted to the Presiding Bishop. We shall be happy to hear from you in regard to the best mode of advancing the church among our emigrant countrymen in your Diocese. I remain, Rt. Rev. and dear Sir,

Yours, very truly,

HENRY CASWALL.

LONDON, 1st September, 1855.

RIGHT REV. BISHOP WHITEHOUSE:

RIGHT REV. AND DEAR BROTHER,—You will remember that, in the year of our Lord, 1853, a Deputation was sent from England to represent the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, at the Meeting of the Board of Missions of the Episcopal Church in the United States, held in New York during the Session of the General Convention.

The Deputies were commissioned "to strengthen and improve the intimate relations which happily already exist between the Mother and Daughter Church," and "to receive and communicate information and suggestions on the best mode of conducting Missionary operations."

After conferring with a Committee of the Board of Missions, the Deputies concluded that the Emigrants from this country, who annually seek your shores in multitudes, presented a field of Missionary labor in which the two branches of our common Reformed Church might co-operate with good prospect of success. It was subsequently resolved, at a meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, "that the Standing committee be requested to consider and mature a plan, whereby emigrant members of the Church may be most readily and conveniently brought under the notice of the Clergy of the United States at the port of their debarkation, as well as at the settlements to which they may ultimately proceed."

I regret however to say, that, after a discussion on the subject, it was found that the constitution of the venerable Society which I have named, precluded it from undertaking the executian of the plan. It therefore seemed to be necessary that, although the multiplication of societies is in general to be deprecated, some new association should be formed for the purpose of carrying into effect a design already sanctioned by high authority on both sides of the Atlantic.

It gives me pleasure to state that such an association has been duly organized, and to forward to you a copy of its constitution, embodying the principles and rules designed for its government. In appointing me its President, the Association has been influenced by a remembrance of the connection formerly subsisting between the Bishop of London and the members of your American Church.

You will perceive that the Association has engaged to alter any of its rules or regulations which may be regarded as exceptionable by your ecclesiastical authorities. I shall gladly receive any suggestions which you may be kind enough to offer; and if you deem it proper to lay the matter before your Convention, whether General or Diocesan, any resolution of such a body will meet with our most respectful attention.

The Association desires to act for the general good of the Church, and independently of all party influences. I think it right also to mention, that we should on no account encourage the formation of English congregations, as such, within your limits. On the contrary, we hope that English Churchmen, on taking up their permanent residence in the United States, will become amalgamated with your own communion, in connection with the authorities of which our Association proposes to carry on its operations.

We think it simply an act of justice to your Church to offer some assistance towards supplying those who are by birth our countrymen with the means of religious worship during the early period of their sojourn in a strange land.

In apportioning such temporary assistance, we shall need your brotherly advice and guidance as to the wants of the people for whom we desire to make provision, and as to the varied circumstances of the different portions of your Church. We hope that, amidst the numerous openings presented to industry in most parts of your Continent, congregations, when once established, will soon be enabled, not only to maintain themselves, but to assist in extending the blessings of pure religion to others.

With earnest prayer that this effort to advance the kingdom of our blessed Lord and Saviour may, through the operation of the Holy Spirit, be made effectual; and in the hope that your Church and ours may continue throughout all generations to maintain and advance the truth as it is in Jesus, I beg to subscribe myself,

Your affectionate friend,

And Brother in Christ,

C. J. LONDON.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN CHURCH EMIGRANT'S AID SOCIETY.

I. The object of this Association is the promotion of the spiritual welfare of English Churchmen emigrating to the United States.

II. The Association hopes to effect this object by encouraging and assisting such emigrants to avail themselves of the privileges afforded by the "Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States," a body identical in its principles with the Church of England.

III. The principal means by which the Association proposes to supply such encouragement and assistance are—

1st. Introductions to Clerical and Lay Churchmen in America.

2nd. Temporary and limited grants to aid in supporting Pastors and Teachers, and in erecting places of worship.

IV. The Association desires to act in connection with the ecclesiastical authorities in America, to which the American part of the organization will be subordinate. It can give no encouragement to the formation of separate English congregations within the dioceses of the United States.

V. The Association shall consist of all members of the Church of England, who shall pay into the hands of the Treasurer One Pound annually, or Ten Pounds at one time. Corresponding members in America may also be elected by the Association, who, when in England, may vote at the annual meetings, or at the meetings of the Executive Committee.

VI. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Association in London.

VII. There shall be elected at the annual meeting, an Executive Committee for the following year, a Secretary or Secretaries, and a Treasurer.

VIII. The Secretary shall correspond with persons in England and America with reference to the object of the Association. He shall prepare an Annual Report of the proceedings, and shall produce at the annual meeting such extracts from the correspondence as may appear calculated to interest Churchmen generally.

IX. The Executive Committee shall appoint Agents of the Association in those parts of America to which the stream of English emigration is generally directed.

X. The American Agents shall receive, through the Secretary, a list of the emigrants proceeding to America in connection with the Association. They shall give such emigrants advice on their arrival, and shall promote their spiritual welfare by placing them in connection with parishes and clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

XI. Notice of all grants made by the Association shall be forthwith communicated by the Secretary to the President, who may within a fortnight communicate his disapproval to the Secretary, and every grant so disapproved of shall be null and void.

XII. No alteration of the rules of this Association shall be made, except at an Annual Meeting.

XIII. The above Rules shall be deemed to be preliminary, and subject to be modified on any general representation from the ecclesiastical authorities of the United States.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

President—The Bishop of London.

Secretaries—The Rev. Henry Caswall, D. D., Vicar of Figheldean, Wilts; F. H. Dickinson, Esq., 8, Upper Harley Street, London.

Treasurer—Henry Hoare, Esq., 37, Fleet Street, London.

Executive Committee—The Bishop of Oxford, the Bishop of St. Asaph, the Bishop of Llandaff, Bishop Spencer, (late of Madras), Archdeacon Sinclair, Archdeacon Grant, Rev. H. Bailey, Warden of St. Augustine's, Rev. W. T. Bullock, Rev. H. Caswall, F. H. Dickinson, Esq., Rev. T. H. Greene, Rev. Ernest Hawkins, Henry Hoare, Esq., Rev. Edmund Hobhouse, A. J. B. Beresford Hope, Esq., Rev. J. S. H. Horner, J. G. Hubbard, Esq., Rev. F. C. Massingberd.

Brethren beloved: You have resources enough of every kind to double the power of the church in the next year. If every Episcopalian would rise, individually, to the measure of his privileges, and the stewardship of his gifts—neither ashamed to give because of limited means, nor measuring the claim on his abundance by his neighbor's gifts—if you will, with combined force and resolution, seize this occasion of social prosperity, and press on the building of Churches, the freer support of the Ministry, the Missionary Fund, and the Collegiate endowments, there will be a point secured in the condition of the Diocese from which no future vicissitudes will cause her to retrograde.

In speaking thus confidently of gifts of money, and larger charity, I am not forgetting the relative place of such agency; but it is my official duty to remind you earnestly of this communication of your substance for the external work of the church: feeling well assured, besides, that if the open hand drops the gifts into God's treasury, it will not be long before many a return will be experienced in what is inward and spiritual—the saving change in the unrenewed heart, or the conscious progress of the divine life.

The Rev. Dr. Muenscher, and Rev. C. B. Stout, were admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

On motion, it was ordered that a committee of this Convention be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of its sense of loss in the death of Rev. Dr. Darrow, and our sympathy with the bereaved. The Rev. Dr. Mitchell, and the Rev. Charles Dresser, were appointed as the committee.

On motion, it was ordered that a committee of five, three clergymen and two laymen, be appointed on so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the "*Anglo-American Emigrant Aid Society.*"

The following persons were appointed as the committee: Rev. R. H. Clarkson, Rev. S. Y. McMasters, LL. D., Rev. D. Chase, Judge R. B. Servant, Dr. B. Gillette.

The following resolutions were then offered:

WHEREAS, the Bishop of this Diocese, laboring, as we believe, under a false impression, as to the feelings and opinions of the Diocese towards himself, has expressed his purpose of resigning its jurisdiction;

Therefore, this Convention, deeming it neither desirable nor possible to recapitulate fully the causes which may have contributed to the impressions of the Bishop, sets forth the following as the sense of the Diocese:

I. That the Diocese entertains and hereby expresses an assurance of its confidence and respect for its Bishop's personal and official character.

II. That the convention approves of the plans projected for the Diocese, and expresses its confidence in their efficiency—including that of a Bishop's Church and Residence—and hereby renews the following opinion, expressed in 1853, viz:

"That this Convention cordially approves of the outlines of a religious establishment, as set forth in the Bishop's Address, including a Bishop's Church and Residence, and regards it as peculiarly adaptive to the permanent interests of the Diocese and the Church at large." And, in so doing, expresses its regrets that any unfavorable incidents should have hindered the progress, or conduced in any way to its abandonment.

III. That, while the Diocese has, at all times, felt and expressed a strong desire to have the Bishop resident by his family in the Diocese—a sentiment in which the Bishop himself has always concurred—and, while the convention gratefully acknowledges the

large and faithful services of the Bishop, rendered hitherto without any pecuniary return, it distinctly recognizes and declares its bounden duty to provide a salary and suitable residence.

Wherefore, this Convention renews the action of the Convention in 1854, in the matter of salary, and so modified as to embrace a provision for a residence in the city of Chicago, viz:

"That the sum of two thousand dollars annually be assessed upon the parishes of the Diocese, for the support of the Episcopate, and one thousand dollars for a Residence, and that the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal church, in the Diocese of Illinois, shall assess, collect, and pay over the same."

IV. That, while the delay of the Bishop's removal into the Diocese has been, and still is, matter of deep regret; yet, as the Convention of 1853 did, by formal vote, sanction it for purposes believed to be connected with the growth and prosperity of the church, it affords no just ground for censure; and the convention regrets that the formal expression of desire, by the convention of 1854, for his speedy removal into the Diocese, should have been understood as an expression of censure; or as, in any sense, impugning his motives, as we feel assured that nothing of the kind was intended.

V. That this convention deplores the trials to which the Bishop and the Diocese have been subjected, and deeply regrets the unjust views of their mutual relations and feelings toward each other, which have been circulated by the secular and religious press in articles tending to mislead the church—to wound the feelings, and impair the usefulness of its Diocesan; in which the rights of the Diocese have been infringed, its family privacy violated, and its relations exposed to mistake and irreparable injury.

VI. That this convention do affectionately request the Bishop to withdraw his purpose of resignation, and assure him that he may safely rely upon the support and attachment of the church in Illinois.

On the preamble and first resolution, the vote by Orders being called for, the following persons voted in the affirmative:

Clerical Vote.—Affirmative.—E. Adams, J. Benson, J. Bentley, D. Chase, P. Chase, S. Chase, D. D., C. Dresser, G. P. Giddinge, S. Goodale, A. Griswold, S. Y. McMasters, LL.D., W. Mitchell, M. D., T. N. Morrison, F. B. Nash, Dr. Niglas, J. W. Pierson, S. D. Pulford, R. Ryall, A. J. Warner, J. H. Waterbury.—20.

The following were upon request, excused from voting:

Excused upon their own Request.—A. Clark, R. H. Clarkson, J. W. Craeraft, W. A. Smallwood, D. D., G. Unonius.—5.

Lay Vote.—Affirmative.—St. Paul's church, Alton; Zion, Brimfield; St. Mark's, Chester; Atonement, Chicago; Grace, Chicago; Calvary, Farmington; St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge; Trinity, Jacksonville; Christ, Limestone; St. Thomas', Morris; St. Stephen's, Pittsfield; St. John's, Quincy; Christ, Robin's Nest; St. Paul's, Springfield; Christ, Waverly.—15.

Excused upon Request.—St. James church, St. Ansgarius, and Trinity, Chicago; St. Paul's, Peoria; Emmanuel, Rockford; Christ, Waukegan.—6.

Upon the second resolution the vote was also taken by orders, with the following result:

Clerical Vote.—Affirmative.—J. Benson, J. Bentley, S. Chase, D. D., C. Dresser, G. P. Giddinge, A. Griswold, Dr. McMasters, Dr. Mitchell, T. N. Morrison, Dr. Niglas, J. W. Pierson, S. D. Pulford, R. Ryall, A. J. Warner, J. H. Waterbury.—15.

Excused upon their own Request.—E. Adams, D. Chase, P. Chase, A. Clark, R. H. Clarkson, J. W. Craeraft, S. Goodale, F. B. Nash, Dr. Smallwood, G. Unonius.—10.

Lay Vote.—Affirmative.—St. Paul's church, Alton; Zion, Brimfield; St. Mark's, Chester; Grace, Chicago; Calvary, Farmington; St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge; Trinity, Jacksonville; Christ, Limestone; St. Thomas, Morris; St. Stephen's, Pittsfield; St. John's, Quincy; Christ, Robin's Nest; St. Paul's, Springfield; Christ, Waverly.—14.

Negative.—Emmanuel church, Rockford.

Excused upon their own Request.—St. James, Trinity, Atonement, and St. Ansgarius church, Chicago; St. Paul's, Peoria; Christ, Waukegan.—6.

Summary on Preamble and first Resolution :

Clerical Vote.—Affirmative—20; Negative—none, Excused—5.

Lay Vote.—Affirmative—15; Negative—none; Excused—6.

On the second Resolution :

Clerical Vote.—Affirmative—15; Negative—none; Excused—10.

Lay Vote.—Affirmative—14; Negative—1; Excused—6.

On motion, the further vote by Orders was dispensed with, and the remaining resolutions were adopted *viva voce.*

On motion, it was ordered that the foregoing resolutions be presented by the mover, to the Bishop, for his consideration and acceptance, as the unanimous sense of this Convention.

On motion, it was permitted that the following paper be entered upon the journal of this Convention :

"The undersigned, members of the Diocesan convention of Illinois for 1855, take this method of explaining our position.

We cannot conscientiously vote for the "Compromise Resolutions," and yet we are resolved not to stand in the way of a complete and harmonious settlement of our Diocesan difficulty.

We believe that the convention of last year made but a proper and natural request, in asking the Bishop to come here and reside among us. No censure whatever was intended by those resolutions, nor was it their design to drive the Bishop to a resignation.

We think that the letter of our Diocesan, with reference to his resignation, ought to be withdrawn; but that the withdrawal of it, to have any effect in producing peace, ought to be unsolicited by the convention. We heartily agree with the proposed arrangement for the Bishop's salary. We think that the convention should not have touched the subject of the Bishop's residence or resignation at all, but should have left the Diocese in the manly and honorable position in which it was placed by last year's resolutions.

These are our deeply seated and conscientious sentiments; but having been assured that by the passage of the Compromise Resolutions the Bishop will be conciliated, and will come into the Diocese to reside, and thereby end, we trust for ever, all the trouble, we have resolved not to oppose them.

It is our earnest desire that there should be peace and unity. In God's name let us cease from contention.

Whilst, therefore, we cannot conscientiously vote for the Resolutions of Compromise, we shall not oppose them, lest by so doing we prolong the strife. By this simple statement we trust that our motives, and our consistency, and our desire for peace, will be made manifest and vindicated.

In conclusion, we add, that if the Bishop, acting under the compromise passed without our votes, shall come and live among us, he shall find us ready and willing, as we have ever been, to sustain him in his godly works.

W. A. SMALLWOOD,
G. UNONIUS,
R. H. CLARKSON,
J. W. CRACRAFT,
E. ADAMS,
J. HANKEY.
A. CLARK,
J. ROGERS,
A. B. JOHNSON,
C. R. LARRABEE,
A. G. TYNG,

On motion, it was ordered that so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to Jubilee College, and provision for the instruction of the sons of the clergy, be referred to a committee of *five*.

The following persons were appointed on this committee: Rev. Dr. McMasters, Rev. G. P. Giddinge, Mr. A. G. Tyng, Judge Bailhache, and Judge Treat.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

On motion, the following persons were excused from attendance upon this Convention after this day's session: Rev. G. Unonius, Mr. A. G. Tyng, Mr. Reuben Taylor.

On motion, it was ordered that the place of the next Convention be at the church of Atonement, Chicago.

On motion, it was

RESOLVED, That the convention go into an election of Standing committee. The Tellers appointed were, for the Clerical vote, Rev. J. H. Waterbury, Mr. W. A. Grimshaw. Lay vote—Rev. F. B. Nash, Judge Servant.

During the counting of the votes, leave was granted to introduce the following

REPORT:

The committee appointed on so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the decease of the Rev. JOSEPH L. DARROW, M. D., late of Christ church, Collinsville, beg leave to submit the following resolutions for adoption:

RESOLVED, That this convention very cordially unite in the beautiful expression of sympathy made by the Bishop, on the loss the Diocese has sustained, by the death of this valuable clergyman, whose labors have so long and faithfully been devoted to the promotion of the gospel in Illinois.

RESOLVED, That we condole sincerely with the church, which he served, and all the members of his bereaved family on a privation so irreparable to them, and painful to

us all; but sustained by the blessed hopes of the gospel, we bow with them submissively to an all-wise and ever merciful Providence.

RESOLVED, That the part of the Bishop's Address, referring to this dispensation, together with these resolutions, be transmitted by the Secretary to the family of our departed brother.

WM. MITCHELL,
CHARLES DRESSER.

Leave of absence was granted for the remainder of the session, to Rev. Messrs. Clarkson and Morrison.

Upon the first ballot for Standing committee, the Convention failed to make a choice.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 9 o'clock on Friday.

THIRD DAY.

OCTOBER 19—9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by Rev. S. Goodale. The lessons by Rev. F. B. Nash. The concluding prayers were offered by the Bishop.

After service the roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The committee appointed on the subject of the Bishop's church and residence, offered a report, which after reading was withdrawn. After conference with the Bishop, the committee offered the following

REPORT:

The committee to which was referred the subject of a "Bishop's Church and Residence," beg leave to report; that after frequent sessions, and much anxious inquiry, they have arrived at the following results:

The facts, a part of which were reported to the last Convention, are substantially as follows: Some three years since, two valuable lots of ground, situated in a most prosperous and interesting part of the city of Chicago, were purchased of C. Beers, Esq., by subscription froms several contributors; which we shall denominate Nos. 1 and 2. No. 1 was intended for a "Cathedral Church" of the Protestant Episcopal church in the Diocese of Illinois, as is declared on the face of the deed of conveyance; and one of the conditions subsequent of the title is, that the lot shall, within ten years from the date of the instrument, be occupied by a "Cathedral Church." The property is conveyed to "the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, Bishop of Illinois, and his successors in office," as Trustees for the Protestant Episcopal church in this Diocese. An act of incorporation for this Trusteeship was obtained during the session of the Legislature in the winter of 1853.

The lot was paid for at the time of purchase, in judgment notes given by different persons in Chicago, as subscriptions for this specific object; and were received by Mr. Beers in payment. Mr. Beers acknowledges the validity of the title; and at the same time it is not questioned that the money may be realized from the subscription notes.

Mr. Beers, however, in common with some of the subscribers, is now dissatisfied with the whole transaction—he, on the ground that he has not realized the money due him, and cannot, without litigation with his neighbors and christian brethren; which he deprecates as a greater evil than the loss of the property.

The unwillingness of the subscribers to pay, has resulted from untoward circumstances not necessary here to be named, calculated to bring the project of a Bishop's church into disrepute, especially among the churchmen of Chicago. In view of all the embarrassments of the case, Mr. Beers asks that the property be re-deeded; and the whole project on this basis abandoned. This the Bishop has hesitated to do, justly alledging, that as he is but the Trustee of the Diocese, he has not the right to re-deed it without instruction to that effect from the Convention.

Of the soundness of the title to lot No. 1, there is no question, provided a "Cathedral Church" be erected on the ground within the time specified. The conveyance was made in good faith, and Mr. Beers may realize the money on the subscription notes in his possession.

The title to lot No. 2, is in question. This was purchased, or intended to be purchased, and presented to the Bishop to build upon it a house for his own private residence. The Bishop, in connection with the gift, made a voluntary stipulation to the effect that the Diocese should have the privilege of purchasing, at any time within ten years, the whole at the cost of the house, and thus make it Diocesan property for the residence of his successors.

No deed, however, was executed at the time by Mr. Beers of this property; but certain MEMORANDA are still in existence, showing the agreement of the parties to certain conditions on which the transfer should be made.

The Bishop in different ways has tendered to Mr. Beers the amount necessary to pay the whole price of No. 2, which Mr. Beers has declined receiving. This, however, your committee regard thus far as a private rather than an ecclesiastical matter; inasmuch as the Bishop has power to relinquish the lot if he see fit, and has no disposition to retain it for any personal benefit.

It cannot, however, be regarded with indifference whether as the property of our Bishop, or in view of its being in due time, transferred to the Diocese.

Your committee has had serious apprehensions whether the whole enterprise might not have to be abandoned, in consequence of the many difficulties with which it is embarrassed. They have no doubt of the compatibility of the outline, if carefully guarded in the details with the constitution and canons of the church; and with the prevailing sentiment of the people of the Diocese. Yet it might not be judicious, even if legally right, to proceed to occupy the ground without Mr. Beers receiving full compensation, according to the contract; nor would it be safe to institute any violent means for the collection of the subscription notes, contrary to the wishes of the signers. Most of this feeling however, at this time so formidable to the enterpise, it is believed, might be overcome, by giving to the Institution a specific form, which would be understood and approved. Your committee would therefore recommend the Bishop, if consistent with his views, to prosecute the enterprise by soliciting aid among such persons as may feel interested in it, with an eye to building, as soon as may be deemed practicable, either on the ground purchased of Mr. Beers, or on such other property, as may be

hereby acquired in any other part of the city; and for the government of the church they recommend the following Canon, which, in case the church should be prosecuted. they would have incorporated in the Canons of the Diocese.

"CANON."

The cathedral or Bishop's church, located in Chicago, shall be forever the seat of the Episcopate of Illinois; and the Bishop shall be EX-OFFICIO, its Rector and Spiritual Head. The plan and order of its administration shall be the same as that of parish churches, with this difference only, that in place of a vestry, the Standing Committee of the Diocese shall cooperate with the Bishop in its business relations, and in all matters which usually claim the attention of the vestry of the ordinary parish church. It shall, moreover, pay a regular salary to the Bishop, such as the Standing Committee shall fix, and declare consistent with its ability; and this sum shall form a part of the salary of the Bishop assumed by the Diocese.

Said church shall have one or more Assistants to the Bishop, as shall be approved by the Standing committee, Priests or Deacons, who shall be nominated by the Bishop and approved by the Standing committee, or by the Convention of the Diocese if referred to it by the Bishop. And one assistant with four lay delegates may occupy a seat in the Diocesan Convention, and exercise the same suffrages as other Presbyters and Lay delegates from parish churches.

Your committee recommend the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That this Convention heartily recommends the establishment of a "Cathedral" or "Bishop's church" in accordance with the above Canon; and will cheerfully make any exertion within its power to promote the object. If, however, the plan herewith recommended shall not meet the approval of the Bishop; it hereby gives him full power as Trustee of the Diocese, to re-deed the property to Mr. Beers.

RESOLVED, That in case the Bishop should so far approve the above Canon, as to be willing to proceed under it, but should find in his own estimation, and that of the Standing Committee, that it is injudicious or unadvisable to occupy the lot or lots purchased of Mr. Beers—the Convention will recommend and approve the purchase of other property with such funds as the Bishop may be able to command, on which the Bishop's church shall be erected; and, in this case, it recommends the Bishop to re-deed the property purchased of Mr. Beers.

RESOLVED, That in case the Bishop should not be willing to proceed under the Canon, or the project from any cause should be found impracticable on this basis, the Convention must reluctantly consent to abandon it.

S. Y. McMASTERS, CHAIRMAN.

On motion, the foregoing resolutions were adopted, and the accompanying Canon proposed for consideration at the ensuing Annual Convention.

The following report was then offered:

The committee appointed to take into consideration that portion of the Bishop's Address which refers to the "Anglo-American Church Emigrants' Aid Society," would respectfully report, that they have heard with interest and delight, the letter from the Bishop of London to our Diocesan on the subject of the spiritual condition of the English emigrants to our country.

It must be a source of deep regret to every christian to contemplate the fact that great numbers of the children of our mother land who are annually cast by the wave of

emigration upon our shores, are lost forever to the church. And this loss is owing in a great measure, not to our want of interest in their immortal souls, but to our lack of means and of men to provide for them the privileges and the ordinances of the church.

All of us then, who love the kingdom of the Lord, must hail with rejoicing the noble enterprise just inaugurated in England for the offering of spiritual aid and relief to those who, though alien-born, are co-heirs with us in the riches of redemption.

We believe that no Diocese in our country receives for permanent settlement more of the English emigrants than Illinois, and none consequently can be more interested than we are in the success of this laudable undertaking. The committee might very much enlarge upon the benefits that must accrue to the church of this country, and to many individual souls, from the successful carrying on of this project, but these benefits are so obvious that it were needless to mention them.

We submit, however, to the consideration of the Convention, the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Bishop of this Diocese has this day laid before the Convention a letter from the Bishop of London with reference to the organization of the Anglo-American church Emigrants' Aid Society, and the constitution and laws of the association, therefore,

RESOLVED, That this Convention have listened with feelings of satisfaction and delight to the letter of the Bishop of London. It lays before us the details of a measure in which we feel deeply interested, and out of which great good must come.

RESOLVED, That the Convention recommend to our Diocesan to set before the Association, through its President, the fact that Illinois, as much if not more than any other Diocese, presents a favorable and legitimate field for its operations.

RESOLVED, That we regard the acknowledgement of the English church to assist in the spiritual care of her children upon our shores, as another link in that holy bond which binds together the Mother and the Daughter Church.

R. H. CLARKSON,
S. Y. McMASTERS,
DUDLEY CHASE,
R. B. SERVANT.

The Rev. Dr. Chase, appointed by the Diocesan Missionary Association to report to this Convention a Canon or Canons, regulating the Missionary operations of the Diocese, introduced the following, which on resolution was adopted, viz:

"That owing to want of time they have been unable to frame a Canon; and recommend that for the ensuing year the association act under the rules or Canon regulatingthe same in the Diocese of Western New York. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Convention be requested to procure and insert in the appendix of the journal a copy of the same, and that the Missionary operations of the Diocese for the ensuing year, be conducted in accordance therewith."

The following report was then offered:

REPORT:

The committee to which was referred so much of the Bishop's address as relates to Jubilee College, report, that they have heard, with profound satisfaction, of the pros-

pect of the accession of the Rev. Dr. Muenscher to this Institution, and of the determination to put forth new efforts for its permanent endowment. Your committee are persuaded that the value and importance of this Institution to the church, has never been fully appreciated, and would fain set it before the churchmen and people of Illinois and other Dioceses, in such light as to awaken a general interest in its behalf. They have not had time, however, to prepare such a report as they hope to present at the next Convention.

They would beg leave, however, to recommend, in addition to the proposals contained in the circular recently set forth, this, that by the payment of sixty dollars, four years scholarships may be secured.

They would, also, recommend the appointment of a board of visitors by this Convention, to consist of four clergymen and four laymen, to attend the annual examinations and commencements of the College, and report to the Convention.

Your committee recommend the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the Convention regard, with deep interest, the contemplated labors of Dr. Muenscher as the fiscal agent of Jubilee College, with an eye to his permanent connection with it, as professor of Biblical and Theological Literature, and heartily recommend him to the liberality and confidence of all the friends of education and religion.

RESOLVED, That a Board of Visitors be appointed to attend the annual examinations and commencements of the College, and report to the Convention.

S. Y. McMASTERS, CHAIRMAN.

The above resolutions were adopted, and the committee continued until next Convention.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, It is understood that many of the parishes in the Diocese, have sent resolutions or memorials, to the Bishop, expressive of their confidence and respect for him, and deprecating the resignation of his jurisdiction; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Bishop be respectfully requested, if consistent with his sense of propriety, to furnish the same, together with his answers, for publication in the journal of this Convention.

On motion, it was resolved to go into an election for Standing committee.

A motion was made to appoint a committee to nominate officers, to be elected by ballot for the ensuing year, which was lost.

On motion,

RESOLVED, That the Convention proceed to elect upon one ballot all the officers for the ensuing year.

During the counting of the ballots, leave was granted to introduce the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Bishop be empowered to appoint such special religious services during the session of the annual Convention as he may think will increase the religious interest of the Convention.

The following Board of Visitors, to attend the Examination of Jubilee College, were then appointed:

Rev. S. Y. McMasters, Rev. G. P. Giddinge, Rev. J. W. Cracraft, Rev. A. J. Warner, Judge Bailhache, Judge Treat, J. W. Chickering, W. A. Grimshaw.

On motion, it was

Ordered, that the Secretary print in the appendix of the journal the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese.

Resolved, That a committee consisting of the Bishop and three others, of whom two shall be laymen, be appointed to revise the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order, who shall print their report and circulate it among the various parishes, at a reasonable time before the next Convention, and that they be empowered to draw upon the Treasurer for the cost of printing the same.

The following persons were appointed as the committee :

Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., Rev. Joseph W. Pierson, Hon. S. H. Treat, Mr. J. W. Chickering.

On motion, it was ordered that the Secretary cause to be printed 750 copies of the Journal, and send two copies to each of the members of the Con [illegible] a [illegible] one copy to every ten communicants in each parish, and the usual copies to the Bishop, Secretary of Convention, and periodicals of the church.

The tellers appointed to receive the votes for officers of the Convention, for the ensuing year, reported as follows :

The tellers appointed to canvass the votes for the officers and delegates of the Convention for the ensuing year, would respectfully report, that for Standing committee the Convention failed to make a choice.

For Trustees of the Diocese, the following persons were elected by concurrent votes of both Orders : Rev. S. Chase, D. D., Rev. C. Dresser.

For Delegates to the general Convention, the following persons were elected : Revs. G. P. Giddinge, S. Chase, D. D., C. Dresser, S. Y. McMasters, LL. D., Hon. S. H. Treat, Hon. J. Bailhache, Mr. W. A. Grimshaw.

J. H. WATERBURY,
R. B. SERVANT,
F. B. NASH,
W. A. GRIMSHAW,
} Tellers.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to nominate to the Convention suitable persons to compose the Standing committee, and to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Diocese, and the delegates to the general Convention, consisting of Rev. G. P. Giddinge, Hon. S. H. Treat, Hon. J. Bailhache.

On motion, it was ordered, that a committee, consisting of three clergymen and two laymen, be appointed to sit during the recess, and inquire into the expediency of organizing a system of Convocation, and if deemed expedient, to report to the next Convention the best system upon which such Convocations may be organized in the Diocese.

The following persons were appointed as the committee: Rev. J. W. Cracraft, Rev. C. P. Clark, Rev. Dr. Mitchell, Judge R. B. Servant, Mr. A. G. Tyng.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until three o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention having re-assembled, the following report was offered:

The committee appointed to nominate persons to compose the Standing committee, and to complete the board of Trustees of the Diocese and Delegates to the general Convention, would offer the following nominations:

FOR THE STANDING COMMITTEE.—Rev. S. Y. McMasters, LL. D., Rev. Joseph W. Pierson, Hon. S. H. Treat, Mr. A. Campbell.

FOR TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE.—Mr. R. F. Seabury, Mr. H. S. Austen, Mr. A. G. Tyng.

FOR DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.—Hon. J. M. Wilson.

G. P. GIDDINGE,
S. H. TREAT,
J. BAILHACHE, } COMMITTEE.

On motion, the above persons were unanimously elected *viva voce.*

The following resolutions were then offered, and, on motion adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund are hereby instructed to make an assessment, upon the various parishes in the Diocese, to raise the sums ordered by this Convention, for said fund; and it is ordered that said assessment be made upon the data and statistics now in the possession of the Secretary of this Convention, if practicable so to do, otherwise, that said Secretary be and is hereby directed to procure such other data and statistics as said Trustees may require, if to be had from the said parishes.

RESOLVED, That said Trustees report, if practicable, to this Convention the assessment when so made as aforesaid; otherwise, that said Trustees report said assessment to the Treasurer of said Fund within two months.

RESOLVED, That if the Trustees aforesaid, prefer any other equitable mode of raising the Fund aforesaid, then said Trustees are empowered to adopt such other mode as they may deem expedient.

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund make known to each Parish, in the Diocese, the amount assessed by the Trustees of said Fund against the particular parish, as set forth in the report of said Trustees; and said parishes are hereby required to pay the amount of the several assessments as set forth in said Report, to the Treasurer of said Fund, in equal quarterly payments, until the sum is raised as assessed for each current year; and said Report of said Trustees is hereby made the basis for the assessments for each year, against the said parishes, until the further order of this Convention.

On motion, it was ordered that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Alton, for their courtesy and hospitality ex-

tended to the members during the present session, and that the Rector be requested to give publicity to the same, in such manner as he may see fit.

On motion, it was ordered that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Superintendant of the Chicago, Alton and St. Louis Railroad, for the favors extended to the members of this Convention.

The Bishop rose, and made the following reply to the resolutions of the convention presented to him for his consideration and acceptance:

Brethren beloved of the Clergy and Laity:

The resolutions which, with so great unanimity you have passed, are honorable testimony to my character, and full vindication of myself motives and plans. Connected as they are, also, with the words of attachment and confidence addressed to me from so many of the parishes during the last few months, I ought to be assured that I have secured an affection which no conscious undesert of my own, can prevent my cherishing with grateful return.

I believe that, with all this great deficiency, my anxious effort, from the time of my consecration, has been to fulfill the duties of my office in faithfulness, impartiality and love; to gain, by every honest exertion, your approval and indulgence for my errors and weakness.

After a mature deliberation for weeks and months, I came to a decision to retire, if possible, from the jurisdiction of the Diocese; and, in justice to myself, I must say, that not for one hour since has my judgment or conscience faltered on the propriety of that step. An honorable retirement would be, even now, my earnest desire. I wish it were as consistent with the views of duty and fidelity entertained by others, as it would be with my own. In the way of this may be serious obstacle, judging from the apparent sentiment of the Church; and, I may add, from a more loving constraint which your action has imposed upon the heart.

For the expression of this in the Resolutions, I beg to tender my grateful thanks, and to recede from the grounds for resignation, so ar as they have involved apprehensions of want of confidence on the part of the Diocese, or its past Conventional action.

As passages of the private letter, also, which I ventured to address to my brethren, the Rectors of the parishes, and their vestries, have been construed to involve disrespect and irritation, I beg further to say, that no sentiment, or thought that fathered it, had consciously

such import; but, notwithstanding, I respectfully tender my regrets for any carelessness of expression which might justify, in a remote degree, the charge.

As the necessity for resignation involved very painful difficulties and anxious conflicts of duty, other than those which this Convention has so generously lifted from my heart, I am compelled to solicit indulgence for reflection and inquiry, and also for consultation with others as deeply as myself involved in the result.

If it should please God that in the future I am to continue as your minister and servant in Christ, I shall labor, He being my helper, "to set forth quietness, love and peace among you," and meet with full purpose of heart, the labors and obligations of my solemn office.

The minutes were read and accepted.

A closing address was delivered by the Bishop. The "Gloria in Excelsis" was sung, and after some appropriate collects, the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop, and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE,
Bishop of Illinois.

SAMUEL CHASE,
Secretary of Convention.

APPENDIX.

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE AND CONVENTION

Rt. Rev. HENRY J, WHITEHOUSE, D. D.
Bishop of the Diocese and ex-officio President of the Convention.

Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D.
Secretary of Convention.

Rev. JOSEPH W. PIERSON,
Assistant Secretary.

Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D.,
Treasurer of Convention.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. S. Y. McMASTERS, LL. D.,
" J. W. PIERSON,
Hon. S. H. TREAT,
A. CAMPBELL.

TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPATE FUND.

Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D.,
" CHARLES DRESSER,
H. S. AUSTIN,
A. G. TYNG,
R. F. SEABURY.

DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D.,
" S. Y. McMASTERS, LL. D.,
" G. P. GIDDINGE,
" CHARLES DRESSER,
Hon. S. H. TREAT,
" W. A. GRIMSHAW,
" J. BAILHACHE,
" J. M. WILSON.

COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

Rt. Rev. Bishop WHITEHOUSE,
" J. W. PIERSON,
Hon. S. H. TREAT,
J. W. CHICKERING.

VISITORS OF JUBILEE COLLEGE.

Rev. S. Y. McMASTERS, LL. D.,	Hon. J. BAILHACHE,
" G. P. GIDDINGE,	" S H. TREAT
" J. W. CRACRAFT,	Mr. J. W. CHICKERING,
" A. J. WARNER,	" W. A. GRIMSHAW.

The Secretary, as instructed by the Convention, appends the following Canon, XIV., of the Diocese of Western New York, for guidance in the Missionary operations of the Diocese for the ensuing year :

OF THE EDUCATION AND MISSIONARY BOARD.

Section 1. The Bishop and Standing Committee of this Diocese, are hereby appointed the Education and Missionary Board thereof, with full powers in reference to education and missionary operations within the Diocese, under such rules as they may adopt, the Bishop having the nomination of all missionaries.

§ 2. In every parish of this Diocese there shall be monthly collections for church objects, to be made regularly on the second (or some other) Sunday of each month. It shall be the duty of every clergyman to give due notice of these collections, and to call the attention of the congregation to their importance and claims. It shall be the duty of the Wardens of every parish to forward the proceeds of the collections or contributions to the Diocesan Treasurer of the Convention, designating for what particular church object the contribution is intended; and if no object be thus specified, the amount forwarded shall be subject to appropriation to Diocesan objects. It shall be the duty of the Diocesan Treasurer to hold all moneys received by him, subject to appropriation by said Board, and to pay them upon order of the Board. The said Board shall apply all moneys specifically intended by the donors to the objects named by them. All other moneys shall be appropriated to such church objects in the Diocese, and in such proportions as they may deem most conducive to the good of the church.

The Diocesan objects are,—

Missions:—

Education:—

The Expenses of the Convention:—

The quota of this Diocese towards the expenses of the General Convention:—

The distribution of Bibles, Prayer Books, Sunday School Books and Tracts:—and

The increase of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate.

The Treasurer shall also receive contributions for church objects, sent to him by benevolent individuals, or by churches or societies not belonging to this Diocese; which contributions shall be applied or appropriated as provided for above. He shall report annually to the Convention the amounts received and disbursed by him. The Education and Missionary Board shall report annually a statement of the amount thus raised, the objects to which it has been applied, the churches which have contributed, with the amount by each; and also the churches which have failed to make and forward their contributions;—which report, or an abstract of the same, shall be appended to the journal.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

AURORA.

TRINITY.—Rev. J. H. Waterbury.

Baptisms—Infants 11, Adults 2. Total	13
Confirmed	5
Marriages	1
Funerals	4
Communicants, 10, Added, 16	26
Number of Families	30
Sunday School, Teachers, 5, Scholars	45
Catechetical Instruction, mostly by addressing the children each Sunday.	
Public Services every Sunday morning and twice each week during Lent.	
" " number	49
Contributions for Missions and Church purposes	$48 00

St. James' Church, Chicago, presented the parish with a chandelier and other globe lamps. The ladies have carpeted and suitably furnished the church. The object of my mission to this place having been consumated, with the consent of the Bishop, I resigned the Rectorship in April; but by the unanimous request of the Vestry, I remained till June. Rev. R. S. Nash has been offered a liberal salary to become the Rector, and has accepted.

ALTON.

ST. PAUL'S.—Rev. S. Y. McMasters, LL. D.

Baptisms—Infants	17
Confirmed	6
Marriages	7
Funerals	17
Communicants—Added by removal, 5. Otherwise, 6. Total	11
" lost by removal, 10, by death, 1. Whole number	56
Number of Families—60. Ordinary attendance	200
Sunday School—Teachers, 10, Scholars	80
Catechetical Instruction—Every Sunday.	
Public Services—Occasions, twice every Sunday, and holydays.	
" " Number	160
Contributions—Communion alms	$100 00
Dues—To Fund of Convention	7 25

Besides this, the Rector performs divine service, and preaches twice every Sunday as chaplain in the State Prison.

ALBION.

ST. JOHN'S.—Rev. B. Hutchins.

Baptisms—Infants	3
Marriages	4
Funerals	20
Communicants	35

Public Services—every Sunday excepting last January.

Collections have been made for the Convention fund; for Missions in the Diocese; for domestic and for foreign Missions, and for the expenses of the Bishop—amounts to be reported by the Warden.

BATAVIA.

CALVARY.—Rev. J. H. Waterbury.

Baptisms—Infants, 17, Adults, 4. Total	21
Communicants	15
Number of families, 20. Ordinary attendance	100
Sunday Schools—Teachers, 8, Scholars	60
Catechetical Instruction—By general questions and brief addresses.	
Public Services—occasions, every Sunday since July.	
" " Number	35
Contributions—Communion alms	$3 50
" Diocesan Missions	10 00

This parish was canonically organized April 3d, 1855, and the same year admitted to Convention. A good lot has been deeded to the parish, and the foundation of a church erected thereon. Over $1000 has been subscribed, already, for this edifice, which is to be of English gothic style, frame work showing, according to designs by Dudley & Condit, New York.

BLOOMINGTON.

ST. MATTHEW'S.—Rev. F. W. Thomas.

Baptisms—Infants 4, Adults 2. Total	6
Confirmed	5
Marriages	2
Funerals	6
Communicants	22
Number of Families—Ordinary attendance	120
Sunday School—Teachers, 4, Scholars	23

BRIMFIELD.

ZION.—Rev. George S. Porter.

Confirmed	1
Funerals	1
Communicants—added	1

Number of Families—5. Ordinary attendance, 25 or..... 30
Sunday School—Teachers, 5 or 6, Scholars, 25 or 30 a few months.
Catechetical Instruction—None but Sabbath School.
Public Services—occasions, each Sunday except fourth Sunday.
Contributions—Communion alms.....$30 00

The minister took charge in the Fall of 1854, and has regularly officiated once each Sunday, except for the summer, when his time was employed every fourth Sunday in each month, as Missionary to Knoxville and other places. Sometimes his absence has been supplied very kindly by Rev. Mr. Childs, who also buried one child. Funds to the amount of nearly thirty dollars have been taken, as alms at communion, and they have been devoted to *Diocesan Missions*, expenses of conventions and Bishop's travelling expenses, and to defray the expenses of the Delegate.

There were lost by removal two or three communicants before my coming. The present number is only twelve, yet the parish is supposed not declining, except by removals anticipated soon. A good degree of interest is exhibited by frequenting church, and engaging in the worship and sustaining the services.

CHESTER.

ST. MARK'S.—Rev. Wm. Mitchell.

Baptism—Infants 8, Adults 2. Total..... 10
Marriages 2
Funerals..... 5
Communicants—added by removal, 1. Otherwise 3..... 4
" lost do 3, by death 1..... 4
" Present number..... 27
Number of families, about 20. Ordinary attendance, 50 to.....100
Sunday School—Teachers, 2, Scholars, say..... 30
Catechetical Instruction, once every month.
Public Services—occasions, every Sunday once, and Friday's in Lent.

The Treasurer's Report:

Collected for church purposes.....$45 00
Bequest of the late Miss Thornhwaite..... 50 00
Donation, R. B. Servant, balance church debt..... 5 18

$100 18

CONTRA:

By paid church debt.....$83 28
By paid Convention dues..... 12 00
" " current expenses..... 3 70
$99 08
Balance in Treasury September 28, 1855..... 1 10

$100 18

Although, we have made but very little progress since the last Report, yet we have the pleasure of being free from debt, and a perma-

nent foundation for future prosperity, by the blessing of God on our work. Frequent changes in western towns, is a constant hindrance to the rapid growth of parishes—and St. Mark's has been greatly retarded by said influence. Yet she holds her own ground, and occupies a high stand in the public estimation, in favor of pure religion and morals. She is now engaged in building up on the foundation, which is strongly laid. We have tried the free pew system, and find it works well so far. The salary of the Rector is paid promptly every quarter of the year; which is a great convenience to him, and leaves his mind free and easy in his ministerial work.

May God still continue to bless and prosper the parish in her *noble work.*

CHICAGO.

ST. JAMES.—Rev. Robert H. Clarkson.

Baptims		51
Confirmations		11
Marriages		20
Funerals		26
Communicants		224
Sunday School—Teachers, 16, Scholars		160
Contributions:		
St. James' Hospital		$1260 00
For Western churches and Missionaries		480 00
For Diocesan Missions		200 00
For "Church Land Association"		450 00
Nashotah—For Bishop White Hall	$138 00	
" For Theological Education	40 00	—178 00
Kansas Mission		125 00
For the Sunday School		50 50
Domestic Missions		18 00
Dues:		
Convention Fund	$28 00	
Bishop's travelling expenses	54 00	—82 00
Total		$2,843 50

This parish is in a most flourishing condition, and we trust as much so in spirituals as in temporals. It is the expectation of the congregation to commence at an early day the erection of an elegant church. The present edifice has become altogether too small for the congregation.

CHICAGO.

ST. ANSGARIUS.—Gustaf Unonius, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants	33
Confirmed	12
Marriages	20
Funerals	24

Communicants—Added by removal 28. Otherwise, 12. Total..... 40
" lost " 111, by death 7. Total.....118
" whole number.....117
Number of families—71. Ordinary attendance.....150
Sunday School—Teachers 4, Scholars..... 32
Catechetical Instruction—Monthly.
Public Services—occasion, every Sunday* morning and evening, and once a week during Lent.
" " Number, about.....100
Contributions—Communion alms.....$33 00
" Dom. Missions..... 10 00
" Diocesan Missions..... 20 00
Dues to Convention Fund..... 10 00

*Except on Sundays when I have been attending a Missionary Station in the Diocese of Wisconsin, to which I have been appointed by the Domestic committee, and which station has been visited once every month.

CHICAGO.

ATONEMENT.—Dudley Chase, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants..... 19
Confirmed..... 6
Marriages..... 8
Burials..... 19
Communicants—Reported last year..... 51
" added by removal, 23. Otherwise, 8. Total 31
" lost " 10, by death, 2. Total..... 12
" whole number..... 70
Number of Families—82. Ordinary attendance.....150
Sunday School—Teachers 10, scholars..... 90
Catechism—Monthly.
Offerings at communion on seven occasions.....$ 57 06
" individual per Rector..... 29 00
Collection Christmas eve..... 17 35
Dom. and Foreign Missions..... 11 62
Bible Society..... 10 75
Cash..... 3 50
By collectors since March 1, 1854..... 66 35
of this sum $50 have been paid to Diocesan Missionary Association, and $13 to Episcopal Missionary Association for the West.
Collections made by Sunday School 17 58
Dues—To Convention Fund, $8, Bishop's traveling expenses, $15.... 23 00
Insurance on the church, 1855..... 30 00
By Ladies Society to March, 1855..... 385 00

The above exhibits an increase of twenty communicants over losses, during the year. The attendance at divine service is much better than formerly. The Sunday school has nearly doubled under its present excellent Superintendant, E. Varian. There is also a Mission school

in which several of our members engage in the afternoon. A system of collecting funds was adopted at Easter, and has proved efficient, and it is hoped will continue to increase both *interest* and *offerings*. Three sermons have been preached during the year on Missions *not* followed by collections.

The choir tender their very acceptable services gratuitously, which has not been the case heretofore. The Ladies Society continue their unobtrusive but efficient aid to the prosperity of the parish, as may be seen by the sum contributed through their efforts the past year, applied to incidental expenses and improvements. The pews of the church are mostly taken. Confirmation was administered during one of the severest snow storms ever known in this vicinity. The Rector was aided in his early efforts to establish this parish by Missionary funds. This aid has been continued to this time by the "Episcopal Missionary Association for the West." This he now relinquishes, as the parish may now be fairly said to be self-supporting.

CHICAGO.

TRINITY.—Rev. Wm. A. Smallwood.

Baptisms—Infants 18, Adults 3. Total	21
Confirmed	6
Marriages	12
Funerals	20
Communicants—added by removal, 39. Otherwise 16	55
" lost do 16, by death 3	19
" Present number	152
Number of Families, 122. Ordinary attendance	300
Sunday School—Teachers, 14, Scholars	100
Catechetical Instruction	27
Public Services every Sunday morning and evening, and semi-weekly in Lent.	
" " number, about	120
Contributions—Communion Alms	$158 00
Diocesan Missions	87 00
Domestic Missions	32 00
Foreign Missions	85 00
Church purposes in general	752 00
Dues—To Fund of Convention	34 80
Bishop's traveling expenses	19 00

An incumbrance of large amount and long standing upon the church property has been paid. The Lord has added a goodly number to us during the year, both of communicants and others. There are almost always some thoughtful minds, who are drawing nigh to the God of all grace. We need much a new church, and it is hoped that, ere long, it will be provided.

FARMINGTON.

CALVARY.—Rev. John Benson.

Baptisms—Infants	7
Confirmed	5
Marriages	2
Funerals	1
Communicants—Added by removal, 2. Otherwise, 6. Total	8
" lost by removal, 1. Whole number	19
Number of Families 9—Ordinary attendance	30
Sunday School—Teachers, 5, Scholars	20
Public Services—Occasions, every fourth Sunday one service.	
Contributions—Communion alms	$ 8 80
" Dom. Missions	5 00
" Diocesan Missions	39 00
" Foreign Missions	19 25
" Church purposes	187 74
Dues to Convention Fund	2 39
Traveling expenses of Bishop	3 30

In the above statistics the minister finds cause for devout thankfulness that God has vouchsafed to give His blessing.

FARMRIDGE.

ST. ANDREW'S.—Rev. Abraham J. Warner.

Baptisms—Infants 6, Adults 2. Total	8
Confirmed	7
Funerals	2
Communicants—Added by removal 1. Otherwise, 7. Total	8
" lost " 2, by death 1. Total	3
" whole number	23
Number of families	12
Sunday School—Teachers 4, Scholars	15
Catechetical Instruction—every Sunday except communion Sundays and when absent.	
Public Services—Occasions, Sundays and principal feast days.	
" " Number	65
Contributions—Communion alms	$13 66
" Diocesan Missions	25 00
" Church purposes in general	9 65
Dues—To Convention Fund	2 87
Bishop's traveling expenses	9 20

Two persons were reported as communicants last year, who had never been confirmed. They are this year reported as added. Absence in consequence of the last illness and funeral of my wife, is the cause of the small number of services. Nothing has been contributed to the Board of General Missions, because I was desirous of first redeeming my pledge to the Diocesan Association. The church here is gaining ground, though slowly.

GALENA.

GRACE.—Rev. Thos. N. Benedict.

Baptisms—Infants 17, Adults 3. Total..... 20
Confirmed..... 5
Marriages..... 4
Funerals..... 11
Communicants—added by removal, 19. Otherwise, 5. Total 24
" lost " 9, by death, 2. Total..... 11
" whole number..... 94
Number of Families—90. Ordinary attendance.....200
Sunday School—Teachers 10, scholars..... 80
Catechetical Instruction—Every Sunday in Sunday school.
Public Services—Sunday and weekly.
" " Number 154
Contributions—Communion alms.....$75 91
" Diocesan Missions..... 46 00
" Foreign Missions..... 29 60
" Church purposes in general, (exclusive of salary).....457 94
Dues—Convention Fund..... 11 75
Traveling expenses of Bishop..... 24 30

GENEVA.

ST. MARK'S.—Rev. J. H. Waterbury.

Baptisms—Infants..... 2
Communicants..... 18
Number of Families—25. Ordinary attendance.....125
Sunday School—Teachers, 7, Scholars..... 45
Catechetical Instruction by the superintendant, and occasional addresses by the Rector.
Public Services—Occasions, every Sunday since June.
" " Number..... 33

This parish was duly organized and admitted to the Convention in 1855. There is much in this field to encourage the Missionary, and funds are almost ready to build a neat and appropriate church edifice. Lots have been given. This, with the villages of Batavia and St. Charles, less than three miles distant each way, constitute as convenient a triplet of churches as could be desired.

GRAND DETOUR.

ST. PETER'S.—Rev. J. Bentley.

Baptisms—Infants 1, Adults 1. Total..... 2
Confirmed..... 2
Marriages 1
Funerals..... 4
Communicants—added by removal, 1. Otherwise, 2. Total..... 3
" lost " 1. Whole number..... 10

Number of families, 8. Ordinary attendance, 40 to		100
Sunday School—Teachers, 6, Scholars		30
Public Services—Occasions, once every other Lord's day.		
" " whole number		26
Contributions—Communion alms	$ 3 85	
" Diocesan Missions for this and several other parishes	75 00	
Dues—To Fund of Convention	1 25	
Bishop's traveling expenses	2 55	

For Diocesan Missions, I pledged in behalf of G. D. T., Stirling, Dixon and Lee Centre, the sum of $100, for the year ending October, 1855. But $75 have as yet been paid into the Treasurer's hands, although the balance is pledged by friends in Stirling and Grand Detour and but for the very severe affliction with which the Almighty has seen fit to visit many of my people, and my own recent illness of six weeks continuance, it would have been collected.

In addition to the services above indicated, I have at Freeport baptized one child, buried two persons and performed divine service twice. At Stirling I have performed divine service and preached five times; at Lee Centre five times; at Binghampton once; at a country school house once; and at Dixon eighteen times.

The statistics at Dixon are about as follows:

Baptisms—Infants		1
Confirmed		1
Marriages		2
Burials		1
Communicants—Added by removal, 2. New 2. Total		4
" whole number		10
Number of Families—10. Ordinary attendance, 20 to		40
Public Services		18
Contributions—Communion alms	$1 00	
Dues to Convention Fund	75	
Bishop's traveling expenses	1 80	
Arrearages	75	

The church here is in progress of erection. The funds in hand and pledges amount to $1,600, a sufficient sum to inclose, but not finish the building; $500 of which I obtained from friends in the South last winter. I am much rejoiced that the prospect is now so fair for obtaining the services of a settled pastor for this important point.

At Stirling there should be a Missionary stationed immediately. The prospect is remarkably encouraging.

We have recently organized a parish at Lee Centre, Lee county, under very cheering auspices. Here we have an acre of land, and pledges given by gentlemen of the place, amounting to $700, toward the erection of a house of prayer.

JACKSONVILLE.

TRINITY.—Rev. T. N. Morrison.

Baptisms—Infants, 5, Adults, 1. Total..... 6
Confirmations..... 12
Marriages..... 1
Funerals..... 3
Communicants---Added by removal 2. Otherwise 14. Total..... 16
" lost do 5, by death 2. Total..... 7
Number of families..... 27
Sunday Schools—Teachers, 5, Scholars..... 30
Public services---Occasions, Sabbaths, Festivals and Fasts.
" " number.....121
Contributions---Diocesan Missions.....$ 25 00
" Church purposes in general..... 940 00
Dues---To fund of Convention..... 6 00
Traveling expenses of Bishop..... 12 00

Of the above $940, $200 were donated by Mrs. Markoe and friends in Philadelphia.

JOLIET.

CHRIST.---Rev. S. D. Pulford.

Baptisms, Infants 3, Adults 1. Total..... 4
Confirmed..... 9
Communicants, added..... 9
" whole number..... 26
Number of families 18. Ordinary attendance..... 80
Sunday school, teachers, 6, scholars..... 20
Public services, once each Sunday.
Contributions, Diocesan Missions.....$ 9 00
" Communion alms..... 15 00
" Domestic Missions..... 3 00
" Foreign " 3 00

LOCKPORT.

ST. JOHN'S.—Rev. S. D. Pulford.

Baptisms—Infants, 6, Adults, 1. Total..... 7
Confirmed..... 2
Marriages..... 1
Communicants---Added..... 2
" whole number..... 36
Number of Families, 20. Ordinary attendance..... 80
Sunday school, teachers 4, scholars..... 20
Public services—Occasions, once each Sunday.
Contributions, Communion alms.....$15 00
" Domestic Missions..... 3 00
" Diocesan Missions..... 9 00
" Foreign Missions..... 3 00

The late Rector resigned the charge of the parishes of Lock port and Joliet, about the middle of July last.

LIMESTONE PRAIRIE.

CHRIST.—Rev. John Benson.

Baptisms, Infants, 11, Adults, 3. Total	14
Confirmed	2
Funerals	3
Communicants, Added	2
" lost by removal	5
" whole number	24
Number of Families, 14. Ordinary attendance	60
Sunday School, teachers 5, scholars	27
Catechetical Instruction, every third Sunday in the month, by Rector.	
Public services—Occasions, every Sunday morning, Christmas day, Ash Wednesday and good Friday.	
Contributions, Communion alms	$14 47
" Domestic Missions	7 75
" Diocesan Missions	15 45
" Foreign Missions	17 75
" Church purposes in general	225 00
Dues, to Fund of Convention	3 62
Traveling expenses of Bishop	8 70

The minister thinks that there is no cause for despondency; but rather to thank God and take courage. For the last two and a half months he has been incapacitated from officiating by feeble health; but through the kindness of the Rev. Dr. Niglas and C. Barclay, a student of Jubilee, the church has been kept open.

METAMORA.

CHRIST.—Rev. George Sayres.

Baptisms, infants	5
Confirmed	1
Marriages	1
Communicants, added by removal	2
" lost "	3
" whole number	25
Number of families, 18. Ordinary attendance	70
Communion alms	$3 43

To this parish I have given almost one-third of my time during the past year. The distance from Pekin is about 28 miles. The people feel quite disappointed in not having more full and frequent ministerial services; as they had, for several years before, enjoyed the valuable and gratuitous labors of the Rev. E. B. Kellogg.

MENDON.

ZION.—[VACANT.]

Baptisms, Infants	5
Confirmed	2
Funerals	1
Communicants, added	1
" lost by removal	1
" whole number	29
Sunday school, teachers 5, scholars	20
Contributions, Diocesan Missions	$2 29
" prayer books	3 00

The parish is destitute of a clergyman. The Rev. G. P. Giddinge and the Rev. S. J. Evans supplied the pulpit from the first of December last till Easter, and the former has officiated there twice since. With a clergyman resident, and faithfully laboring among them, the writer is induced to believe, that the parish would now start into new and more energetic life. It is thought that three hundred dollars could be secured to a resident pastor, and this with a little addition from the Missionary Board, would comfortably sustain a single man, or one with a small family, in the country. A good school could be had there at the present time, and add materially to the support offered by the parish.

MORRIS.

ST. THOMAS.—REV. ROBERT RYALL.

Baptisms, infants	5
Confirmed	1
Marriages	1
Funerals	4
Communicants, added by removal	1
" lost "	1
" whole number	22
Number of families	27
Sunday school, scholars	11
Public services—Occasions, November 1854 till June 1855, two services every Sunday, when Wauponsch demanded a third each Sunday.	
" whole number	102

There are three different points connected with the mission to this parish, Morris, Lisbon and Wauponsch. The two former earliest inviting the ministry of the church. The latter, however, incidentally, may I not rather say providentially for its spiritual welfare, desiring to attend to the service of Almighty God. I hope that they will not be deprived of the blessings of divine worship. It is a field whose interest is now pressing, because in an incipient state, and one where with God's assistance much good may be done in His cause. Circumstances of expediency, rather than of necessity, render it desirable for the Rector who had been but in deacon's orders, to exchange it for another field,

and earnestly at their request recommends them to the care of God and His church.

OTTAWA.

CHRIST.---REV. CHARLES P. CLARKE.

Baptisms, infants, 15, adults, 4. Total	19
Confirmed	2
Marriages	7
Funerals	12
Communicants, added by removal, 5, otherwise, 3. Total	8
" lost by death	1
" whole number	60
Number of families, 60. Ordinary attendance	100
Sunday school, teachers, 7, scholars	40
Catechetical instruction, once a month.	
Public services—Occasions, on all Sundays and twice a week in Lent.	
Contributions, Communion alms	$43 36
" Domestic Missions	4 40
" Diocesan Missions	5 38

We are now engaged in enlarging the church edifice and re-arranging the interior, so that when completed it will afford double the number of sittings that it does at present. It is believed the whole will be completed before winter.

PEKIN.

ST. PAUL'S.---REV. GEORGE SAYRES.

Baptisms, infants, 2, adults, 1. Total	3
Confirmed	2
Marrriages	1
Communicants, added by removal, 3, otherwise, 1. Total	4
" whole number	12
Number of families, 16. Ordinary attendance	80
Contributions, Communion alms	$11 55

I took charge of this parish Nov. 1, 1854, in connection with Metamora and Tremont. Nearly half of my time has been given to Pekin. No regular services had been held there for more than two years, yet a respectable congregation has been at once gathered, and much interest manifested by the people. Their zeal and liberality are worthy of commendation. No Sunday school has yet been established, on account of my frequent absences on that day, to be present at the other stations. The singing is unusually good.

PERU.

ST. PAUL'S.---REV. E. ADAMS.

Baptisms, Infants	7
Confirmed	6
Marriages	9

Funerals	10
Communicants, added	8
" lost by removal, 5, by death, 1. Total	6
" whole number	24
Public services—Occasions, every Sunday and holy days.	
Contributions, Domestic Missions	$ 6 00
" church purposes in general	79 46
Dues, to Fund of Convention	3 00
Traveling expenses of Bishop	7 60

PROVIDENCE.

ZION.—Rev. F. B. Nash.

Confirmed	3
Communicants, added by removal	2
" lost by removal	1
" present number	28
Number of Families, 23. Ordinary attendance	75
Public Services—Occasions, regularly once on the Sabbath.	
Contributions—Bishop's traveling expenses	$7 20

TISKILWA.

ST. JUDE'S.—Rev. F. B. Nash.

Marriages	1
Funerals	3
Communicants, added by removal	4
" whole number	20
Number of Families 20—Ordinary attendance	125
Public Services—Occasions, once every Sabbath.	
Contributions—Traveling expenses of Bishop	$8 00

I took charge of these churches in April last. The prospect for their future growth seems now quite encouraging. Arrangements have been made for building a parsonage at Providence. This in all probability will be done during the coming winter. We hope to be able to build a church at Tiskilwa next season.

Owing to the want of teachers, and my inability to superintend it, I have not as yet re-established the Sunday school organized by my predecessor, but suspended after he left. I have endeavored however, in my visits to the families connected with the church, to prepare the children for being publicly catechised ; and hope to make this a useful substitute for the Sunday school until an efficient one can be organized.

QUINCY.

ST. JOHN'S.—Rev. G. P. Giddinge.

As no report for this parish appears on the records of the last Convention, the following is for two years :

Baptisms, infants 35, adults 4. Total..... 39
Confirmed..... 19
Marriages..... 12
Funerals..... 33
Communicants, added by removal, 10, otherwise, 20. Total..... 30
" lost " 11, by death 6. Total..... 17
" whole number.....112
Number of Families..... 80
Sunday School--Teachers 25. Scholars.....180
Catechetical Instruction---every Sunday afternoon in the vestry, by the Rector, to a class of boys.
Public Services—Occasions, twice every Lord's day. In the winter, evening service and lecture once a week. During Lent twice a week. During Passion week, daily service morning and evening.

Contributions—Diocesan Missions	56	00
Domestic Missions	14	65
Foreign Missions	25	00
Communion Alms	104	03
By children of Sunday school for west	7	78
" " " Bishop Paine	19	14
For Church purposes in general	2,183	43
Dues—To Fund of Convention	25	12
Bishop's traveling expenses	65	40

The Rector on account of feeble health, and impaired vision, obtained leave of absence in March, 1854, for one year, and his place was filled during a portion of his absence by the Rev. S. J. Evans of Connecticut, who labored faithfully for the improvement of the parish.

The Rector was not idle during his absence; but as soon as his returning health would permit, commenced the performance of divine service wherever he traveled. And besides the services discharged in his own parish, he preached about 112 times; admininistered communion 6 times; baptised 11 children and 5 adults; and officiated at one marriage.

The vestry have undertaken to complete the tower to our church, and paint the interior.

The work is now nearly complete with a bell in the tower.

ROCKFORD.

EMMANUEL.---Rev. A. Clark.

Baptisms, infants..... 17
Confirmed..... 5
Marriages..... 11
Funerals..... 10
Communicants, added by removal, 7, otherwise, 4. Total..... 11
" lost " 2
" whole number..... 57
Number of families—57. Ordinary attendance.....150

Sunday School—Teachers, 6, Scholars..... 40
Catechetical Instruction—In Sunday school.
Public Services—Occasions, on Sundays, and festivals and fasts, and occasional services abroad.
" " Number.....125
Contributions—Communion alms.....$45 82
" Diocesan Missions..... 30 00
" Church purposes in general.....207 00
" Rector's salary.....800 00
Dues—To Convention Fund..... 7 12
Traveling expenses of Bishop..... 14 70

The parish is gradually increasing in numbers and strength, and prospects externally are highly encouraging. Union and harmony prevail, and a good degree of interest in the welfare and prosperity of the church is generally exhibited.

ROCK ISLAND.

TRINITY.—Rev. Samuel Goodale.

Baptisms, adults..... 3
Confirmed..... 6
Funerals..... 4
Communicants—Whole number..... 24
Number of Families—34. Ordinary attendance.....150
Sunday School—Teachers 3, scholars..... 20
Catechetical Instruction—Every Sunday.
Public Services—Sunday.
" " Number.....45
Contributions—Communion alms.....$28 00

The Rector entered upon his duty the 1st of February last, and this report is consequently for less than nine months. It is a new parish, but everything seems encouraging.

MOLINE.

GRACE.—Rev. Samuel Goodale.

Baptisms, infants..... 3
Funerals..... 1
Communicants..... 7
Number of Families..... 12
Public Services—Occasions, one every Sunday, except once in each month.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY.

GRACE.—Rev. Samuel Goodale.

Baptisms, infants..... 23
Confirmations..... 7
Communicants—Not known.
Number of Families—From 30 to.....40

This parish is known as Preemption, and composed of families of Protestant Irish. I give them service once each month, but have not yet administered the communion, nor become well acquainted with their condition.

ROBIN'S NEST.

CHRIST.—REV. SAMUEL CHASE.

Baptisms, infants	6
Confirmed	4
Communicants—Added	4
" lost by removal	6
" whole number	76
Number of families, 24. Ordinary attendance	150
Sunday School—Teachers, 5, Scholars	50
Catechetical Instruction—On each Sunday.	
Public services—Occasions, Sabbaths, Festivals and Fasts.	
Contributions—Communion alms	$57 44
" Domestic Missions	20 31
" Diocesan Missions	65 31
" Foreign Missions	56 60
Dues—To Fund of Convention	9 50
Bishop's traveling expenses	22 20

SPRINGFIELD.

ST. PAUL'S—REV. JOSEPH W. PIERSON.

Baptisms, infants	11
Confirmed	7
Marriages	7
Funerals	7
Communicants, added by removal 12, otherwise 8. Total	20
" whole number	72
Number of Families—55. Ordinary attendance	150
Catechetical instruction—Monthly, in the church.	
Public Services—Occasions, twice each Sunday and on the principal fasts and festivals.	
" " number	90
Contributions—Communion alms	$104 70
" Diocesan Missions	25 00
" Foreign Missions	10 53
" Domestic Missions	14 50
" Church purposes	395 72
Dues to Convention Fund	9 00
Bishop's traveling expenses	17 50

This report dates from January 1st, 1855; at which time the present Rector entered upon his duties. Since the last report the church has been re-carpeted—the chancel has been remodelled and new chancel furniture added. The church is now lighted with gas.

ST. CHARLES.

ST. PAUL'S.—REV. J. H. WATERBURY.

Baptisms, infants	1
Funerals	1
Communicants	10
Number of families, 8. Ordinary attendance	75
Sunday school, teachers, 5. scholars	15
Catechetical instruction, by the Missionary.	
Public services	22

Although this church was organized in 1839, and had become very feeble, there is still increasing evidence of vigor. A lot has been donated by Ira Minard, Esq., and the enterprise of the ladies has done much to sustain the missionary in charge.

SYCAMORE.

ST. PETER'S.—REV. J. H. WATERBURY.

Four public services have been held in this place, two on respective week days—a full and interested congregation at each service. Two children were baptized. One hundred dollars has been raised for six months preaching as often as it can be had. Mr. J. C. Waterman donates two lots for a church and parsonage, and two hundred dollars towards the erection of the same. If others do likewise, there will be sufficient inducement for a missionary to settle here. There are over fifteen communicants. There is much to encourage the churchmen in this vicinity.

TREMONT.

CHRIST.—REV. GEORGE SAYRES.

At this village, eleven miles nearly east of Pekin, nine or ten services have been held, chiefly on Sundays. Nine persons have received the holy communion. There have been here and in the neighborhood, one marriage, one funeral, and three infants baptized.

WARSAW.

ST. PAUL'S.—REV. STEPHEN R. CHILD.

Baptisms, infants, 3, adults, 1. Total	4
Confirmed	6
Marriages	1
Funerals	[illegible]
Communicants added by removal	[illegible]
" lost "	
" whole number	[illegible]

This report includes to the first of July.

WAUKEGAN.

CHRIST.—Wm. Besley and B. S. Cory, Wardens.

Funerals	1

Services were performed by the Rev. Mr. Bishop of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Very few occasional services, and on one Sabbath by the Bishop of the Diocese.

This report dates from November, 1854, to July, 1855, during which time this parish was vacant. It was then taken in charge by the Rev. Sylvester Nash.

WAUKEGAN.

CHRIST.—Rev. Sylvester Nash.

Baptisms, infants	2
Funerals	2
Communicants, whole number	20
Ordinary attendance 80 to	100
Sunday School, teachers 8, scholars	28
Catechetical instruction---in Sunday School.	
Public services—Occasions, Sundays.	
" whole number	40
Contributions---Communion alms	$8 14
Dues---To Fund of Convention	2 50
Traveling expenses of Bishop	7 50

Not having received my papers from Pennsylvania, I could not call myself Rector, or be a member of Convention. I therefore leave the Rectorship blank and shall not attend.

ARCADIA AND WYOMING.

MESSIAH.---Rev. Philander Chase.

Baptisms, infants	3
Marriages	1
Funerals	1
Communicants, added by removal	2
" whole number	16
Number of families, 7. Ordinary attendance	40
Contributions---Diocesan Missions	$25 00

Public service has been held at Wyoming, with few exceptions, every alternate Sunday. The remaining time, has been spent at Arcadia and surrounding parishes.

I am unable to report any progress in our church building, owing mainly to prevalence of ague, and the scarcity of help. Sickness in my family detains me at home.

HENRY.

REV. JOHN N. NIGLAS.

Communicants 8
Number of families, 80 to 100
Sunday school, teachers 4, scholars, from 30 to 36
Catechetical instruction---Every month.

A parish was to be organized, yet Mr. Powell, having been absent since July the 4th last, and having not yet returned, prevented me from doing so.

There is a good prospect for the church here, so much the more, as Mr. Powell succeeded in securing a lot to build on whenever the means of the congregation would allow them to erect a place of worship.

The Germans in Germantown having lived on rented land removed to various places, and there are but two families left in the vicinity whom I attended to, being communicants.

Trials were made to start a German congregation in Henry, where there are about fifty families, all members of the Protestant church, who have had no minister among them ever since Mr. Powell had settled in the place.

The holy sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered four times, and services I held almost every Sunday during the time of my presence.

ALTON, Madison County, Ills., }
October 17th, 1855. }

RT. REV. HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D.:

During my Missionary year ending October 1, 1855, I have held divine service in many places; but chiefly in Vandalia, Centralia, Jonesboro and Cairo, on the I. C. Railroad, and in Salem, on the O. & M. Railroad. I have met with the most encouragement at Cairo and Centralia. At Cairo there is the pledged amount of about six hundred dollars for erecting there a church edifice. For erecting such edifice, donations are anticipated from trustees of the "Cairo Land Company." At Vandalia, the only place in my Missionary field where there has been an organized parish, there is but one communicant remaining; six having removed during my Missionary year. I have married one couple; baptized ten children; administered the holy communion at sundry times in sundry places; and attended three funerals. Although I have accomplished but little, yet, in no one year of my ministerial life, have I performed a greater amount of labor, or experienced more privations. Respectfully,

ASA GRISWOLD.

TO THE RT. REV. THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE:

During the past year I have statedly officiated in the chapel of Jubilee College, preaching in the morning—and have also taken part in the

instruction imparted to the students of the same, both secular and religious.

During the college vacation, an afternoon service was held in the church in the neighboring village of Kickapoo.

Early in the spring, through the agency of the Theological students and others looking forward to the ministry, Sunday schools were established in three several neighborhoods from three to four miles distant, with very encouraging success.

CHARLES DRESSER.

Rt. Rev. Sir:

I beg respectfully to report myself as residing in Radnor township, Peoria county. I have during the past year, baptized one infant in Jubilee College Chapel. I am from age and infirmity incapacitated from undertaking any permanent Cure. I have the honor to remain, respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

J. MAYO, A. M.

During the last year, from the first Sunday in October, 1851, to the present time, I have held services at the Protestant Orphan Asylum in Chicago, at the request of the Board of Directors of the institution; and, also, have organized a Sunday school. Several families in the neighborhood and from Carville, a small village half a mile from the asylum have attended, and are anxious and very desirous of a church organization in that village.

Baptisms, [illegible] 6, [illegible] 1. Total	7
Marriages	7
Funerals	10

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES V. KELLY.

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Marriages	7
Funerals	10

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CHARLES V. KELLY.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

LOCATION.	CHURCHES.	NAMES OF CLERGY.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Marriages.	Funerals.	Communicants.			No. of families.	Sunday Schools.		Communion alms.	Diocesan missions.	Domestic missions.	Foreign missions.	Church purposes in general.	Dues to fund of Convention.	Traveling expenses of Bishop.
			I.	A.				Added.	Lost.	Present No.		T.	S.							
Aurora,	Trinity,	J. H. Waterbury,	11	2	5	1	4	16	..	26	30	5	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	48 00		
Alton,	St. Paul's,	S. Y. McMasters,	17	..	6	7	17	11	11	56	60	10	80	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 25	
Albion,	St. John's,	Benjamin Hutchins,	3	..	..	4	20	..	..	35										
Algonquin,	"	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*25										
Batavia,	Calvary,	J. H. Waterbury,	17	4	..	..	1	..	..	15	20	8	60	3 50	10 00					
Bloomington,	St. Matthew's,	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*22										
Brimfield,	Zion,	George S. Porter,	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	12	5	5	25	30						
Beardstown,	St. Andrew's,																			
Carlinville,	St. Paul's,	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*8										
Chester,	St. Mark's,	William Mitchell,	8	2	..	2	5	4	4	27	20	2	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	88 03	3 40	8 75
Chesterfield,	St. Peter's,	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*23										
Chicago,	St. James',	Robert H. Clarkson,	51	..	11	20	26	..	..	224	..	16	160	.....	200 00	18 00	.....	2543 50	28 00	54 00
"	St. Ansgarius',	Gustav. Unonius,	33	..	12	20	24	40	118	117	71	4	32	33 00	20 00	10 00	.....	.....	10 00	
"	Atonement,	Dudley Chase,	19	..	6	8	19	31	12	70	82	10	90	57 05	50 00	.....	.....	498 55	8 00	15 00
"	Trinity,	William A. Smallwood,	18	3	6	12	20	55	19	152	122	14	100	158 00	87 00	32 00	85 00	752 00	34 80	19 00
"	Grace,	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*73										
Collinsville,	Christ,	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*29										
Decatur,	St. John's,	S. R. Child,																		
Dixon,	St. Luke's,	J. Bentley,	1	..	1	2	1	4	..	10	10	..	...	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	1 80
Edwardsville,	St. Andrew's,																			
Erindale,	Christ,	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*36										
Farmington,	Calvary,	John Benson,	7	..	5	2	1	8	1	19	9	5	20	8 80	39 00	5 00	19 25	187 74	2 37	3 30
Farm Ridge,	St. Andrew's,	A. J. Warner,	6	2	7	..	2	8	23	23	12	4	15	13 66	25 00	.....	.....	9 65	2 87	9 20
Freeport,	Zion,	J. Bentley,	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	*18										
Galena,	Grace,	T. N. Benedict,	17	3	5	4	11	24	11	94	90	10	80	75 91	46 00	.....	29 60	457 94	11 75	24 30
Geneva,	St. Mark's,	J. H. Waterbury,	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	25	7	45							
Grand Detour,	St. Peter's,	J. Bentley,	1	1	2	1	4	3	..	10	8	6	30	3 85	75 00	.....	.....	.....	1 25	2 55
Jacksonville,	Trinity,	T. N. Morrison,	5	1	12	1	3	16	7	47	27	5	30	.....	25 00	.....	.....	940 00	6 00	12 00
Joliet,	Christ,	S. D. Pulford,	3	1	9	..	..	9	..	26	18	6	20	15 00	9 00	3 00	3 00			
Kickapoo,	St. Luke's,	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*26										
La Salle,	St. Mark's,																			
Lee Centre,	St. Paul's,																			
Limestone,	Christ,	John Benson,	11	3	2	..	3	2	5	22	14	5	27	14 47	15 45	7 75	17 75	225 00	3 62	8 70
Lockport,	St. John's,	S. D. Pulford,	6	1	2	1	..	2	..	26	20	4	20	15 00	9 00	3 00	3 00			
Mendon,	Zion,	.....	5	..	2	..	1	2	..	29	..	5	20	.....	2 29	.....	.....	3 00		
Metamora,	Christ,	Geo. Sayres,	5	..	1	1	..	2	3	25	18	..	..	.....	3 43					
Mt. Sterling,	Trinity,	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*11										
Moline,	Grace,	S. Goodale,	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	7	12									
Morris,	St. Thomas,	Robert Ryall,	5	..	1	1	4	1	1	22	27	..	11							
Naperville,	St. John's,																			
Ottawa,	Christ,	C. P. Clark,	15	4	2	7	12	8	1	60	60	7	40	43 36	5 38	4 40				
Oswego,	St. John's,	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*8										
Pekin,	St. Paul's,	George Sayres,	2	1	2	1	..	4	..	12	16	..	...	11 55						
Peoria,	"	J. W. Cracraft,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*56										
Perry,	"	E. Adams,	7	..	6	9	10	8	6	24	..	..	...	.....	.....	6 00	.....	79 46	3 00	7 60
Pittsfield,	St. Stephen's,	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27										
Pre-emption,	Grace,	S. Goodale,	23	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	35									
Providence,	Zion,	F. B. Nash,	..	..	3	..	1	2	1	28	23	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50	3 70
Quincy,	St. John's,	G. P. Giddinge,	35	4	19	12	33	36	17	112	80	25	180	104 03	56 00	14 65	25 00	2210 35	25 12	65 40
Rockford,	Emmanuel,	A. Clark,	17	..	5	11	10	11	2	57	57	6	40	45 82	30 00	.....	.....	207 00	7 12	14 70
Rock Island,	Trinity,	Samuel Goodale,	..	3	6	..	4	..	..	24	34	3	20	28 00						
Robin's Nest,	Christ,	Samuel Chase,	6	..	4	..	..	4	6	76	21	5	50	57 44	65 31	20 31	50 00	.....	9 50	22 20
Rushville,	"	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*26										
Springfield,	St. Paul's,	Joseph W. Pierson,	11	..	7	7	7	20	..	72	55	..	...	109 70	25 00	14 50	10 53	395 72	9 00	17 50
St. Charles,	"	J. H. Waterbury,	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	10	8	5	15							
Sycamore,	St. Peter's,	J. H. Waterbury,	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00		
Tiskilwa,	St. Jude's,	F. B. Nash,	..	..	..	1	3	4	..	21	20	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 62	5 38
Tremont,	Christ,	Geo. Sayres,	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	9										
Vandalia,	Grace,	Asa Griswold,	10	..	..	1	3	..	6	1										
Warsaw,	St. Paul's,	Stephen R. Child,	3	1	6	1	10	1	1	17										
Waukegan,	Christ,	.....	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	20	..	8	28	8 14	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	7 50
Waverly,	Christ,	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*9										
Wyoming,	St. Luke's,	P. Chase,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40										
		*Taken from previous reports.	392	36	163	138	268	337	256	2117	1109	190	1313	907 59	597 86	138 61	243 13	8845 94	182 43	302 58

COMPARATIVE VIEW for each period of five years, from the organization of the Diocese to the present time, 1855.

	1835.	1840.	1845.	1850.	1855.
Number of clergy,	5	13	26	36	42
Number of parishes,	6	18	27	40	63
Number of communicants,	28	267	730	1336	2117

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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

SAMUEL CHASE, Treasurer,

In account with CONVENTION.

1854.				Dr.
Oct 26	To balance of account			$88 76
	To cash from St James' church, Chicago			22 50
	"	"	Grace church, Galena	10 00
	"	"	Trinity church, Jacksonville	5 00
	"	"	Emmanuel church, Rockford	5 00
	"	"	Christ church, Ottawa	7 00
	"	"	Christ church, Waukegan	2 50
	"	"	Calvary church, Farmington	1 50
	"	"	St Paul's church, Peru	2 75
	"	"	St John's church, Lockport	4 25
	"	"	Christ church, Joliet	2 38
	"	"	St Matthews, church, Bloomington	2 25
	"	"	St John's church, Quincy	12 00
	"	"	St Peter's church, Grand Detour	1 12
	"	"	St Paul's church, Springfield	6 50
	"	"	Trinity church, Chicago	14 00
	"	"	Zion church, Providence	1 75
	"	"	Christ church, Limestone	4 00
1855.				
Apri 5	"	"	St John's church, Albion	12 50
	"	"	Christ church, Robin's Nest	9 50
Sept 8	"	"	Christ church, Waverly	2 30
26	"	"	St Paul's church, Warsaw	1 38
Oct 8	"	"	St Mark's church, Chester	3 38
10	"	"	St Luke's church, Kickapoo	3 25
13	"	"	Church of Atonement, Chicago	8 00
17	"	"	St Paul's church, Alton	7 25
	"	"	Grace church, Chicago	9 15
	"	"	Zion church, Farmridge	2 50
	"	"	St Paul's church, Peoria	6 75
Oct 18	"	"	St Thomas church, Morris	2 13
	"	"	St Stephen's church, Pittsfield	3 13
	"	"	St Ansgarius, Chicago	10 00
	"	"	Christ church, Waukegan	2 50

1854.					Cr.
Dec 8	By cash paid Pudney & Russell			$59 50	
1855.					
May 7	"	"	Benjamin Foster	78 65	
Sep 20	"	"	Sundry Postages, &c	10 46	
	"	"	Benjamin Foster	5 75	
			By balance		122 60
				$276 96	$276 96

SAMUEL CHASE, Treasurer,

In account with FUND FOR THE BISHOP'S TRAVELING EXPENSES.

1855.				DR.
Apr 5	To cash from	St John's church, Albion		$ 7 50
May 29	"	"	Christ church, Robin's Nest	22 20
Aug 18	"	"	Zion church, Freeport	5 00
Sept 8	"	"	Christ church, Waverly	2 70
23	"	"	St Paul's church, Warsaw	3 30
Oct 8	"	"	St Mark's church, Chester	8 70
10	"	"	Calvary church, Farmington	3 00
13	"	"	Church of Atonement, Chicago	15 00
17	"	"	Christ church, Waukegan	7 50
	"	"	St John's church, Quincy	28 60
18	"	"	St Andrew's, Fairm Ridge	8 0
	"	"	St Peter's church, Grand Detour	2 50
	"	"	St Luke's church, Dixon	1 80
	"	"	Zion church, Providence	5 00
	"	"	Zion church, Brimfield	2 70
	"	"	St Jude's church, Tiskilwa	6 00
	"	"	St Paul's church, Peru	7 20
	"	"	Trinity church, Chicago	34 80
	"	"	Emmanuel church, Rockford	14 70
	"	"	Trinity church, Jacksonville	11 70
	"	"	Christ church, Limestone	8 70
	"	"	St James' church, Chicago	54 00
Oct 23	"	"	Grace church, Galena	24 30
30	"	"	St Paul's church, Springfield	17 50

					CR.	
May 29	By cash paid Bishop Whitehouse				$29 70	
Aug 13	"	"	"	"	5 00	
Oct 18	"	"	"	"	75 00	
19	"	"	"	"	97 00	
	"	"	"	"	95 80	
					$302 50	$302 50

The last three items upon the Debit side, and the last one on the Credit side, were entered after the auditing of the account in Convention.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

ALTON, October 18, 1855.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop presiding; the Association met for the transaction of business. The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

The Rev. Dudley Chase, Secretary of the committee of the Board, made a verbal report of the labors of the committee.

The Treasurer presented his account of the receipts and disbursements of the Association for the past year, which, on motion, was referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Rev. A. Clark, and H. S. Jennings, Esq.

The committee reported the account as correct, showing that $1,001 44 had been expended; with a balance due the Treasurer of $24 35.

After addresses from several of the members, both lay and clerical, the following pledges for the ensuing year were made:

Rev. Wm. Mitchell	$20 00
William Church, Esq.,	10 00
St. Andrew's church, Farmridge	30 00
Emmanuel church, Rockford	30 00
St. Paul's church, Alton	50 00
Christ church, Limestone	25 00
Calvary church, Farmington	25 00
St. Peter's church, Grand Detour	25 00
St. Paul's church, Lee Centre	25 00
Trinity church, Jacksonville	30 00
St. Luke's, Wyoming	25 00
Church of the Messiah, Arcadia	25 00
Christ church, Robin's Nest	75 00
Church of the Atonement, Chicago	50 00
John Rogers, Esq.,	20 00
H. S. Jennings, Esq.,	10 00

St. John's church, Quincy	75 00
Woodstock, Rev. S. D. Pulford	10 00
Christ church, Waukegan	10 00
Christ church, Waverly	5 00

On motion,

RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed, who together with the Bishop, shall transact all the missionary operations of the ensuing year;—

Whereupon, it was on motion, ordered, that the Standing committee of the Diocese be such committee.

Ordered, that a committee consisting of the Bishop, Dr. Chase and Rev. Mr. Giddinge, be requested to draft a Canon and report the same in Convention, regulating the Missionary operations of the Diocese.

(*For Report of committee see proceedings of Convention, p.* 36.)

Adjourned *sine die.*

SAMUEL CHASE, *Secretary.*

SAMUEL CHASE, Treasurer,
In account with DIOCESAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

1854.				Dr.
Oct. 27.	To cash,	collections at convention		$26 43
	"	from Rev. J. T. Worthington		2 00
	"	" Rev. R. H. Clarkson		25 00
Nov. 20.	"	" Rev. E. B. Kellogg		20 00
Dec. 4.	"	" Mrs. Maria Guppy		10 00
25.	"	" offerings in Jubilee Chapel		25 31
30.	"	" church of the Atonement		17 35
1855.				
Jan. 1.	"	" Rev. S. R. Child		12 75
	"	" Rev. George P. Giddinge		25 00
8.	"	" Mrs. S. M. Chase		20 00
	"	" Trinity church, Jacksonville		16 00
	"	" Miss Mary Moss		1 00
12.	"	" Rev. S. D. Pulford		8 00
	"	" Church of the Atonement		6 00
18.	"	" Christ church, Limestone		8 45
20.	"	" Grace church, Galena		22 00
24.	"	" St. Stephen's church, Pittsfield		13 00
	"	" Rev. R. H. Clarkson, (per Rev. C. P. Clark)		31 25
	"	" St. Paul's, Peoria, (per Rev. S. R. Child)		26 75
Feb. 9.	"	" John Rogers		20 00
	"	" Trinity church, Chicago, (collection at ordination)		5 00
				$341 29

Amount carried over.

	To amount brought over			$341 29
27.	To cash from Zion church, Brimfield			3 80
March 1.	"	"	Rev. John Sellwood	5 00
April 3.	"	"	Christ church, Limestone	7 00
5.	"	"	St. John's, Albion	10 00
	"	"	Easter collection in Jubilee Chapel	40 00
12.	"	"	Grace church, Chicago	35 00
19.	"	"	Calvary church, Farmington	21 00
	"	"	Trinity church, Jacksonville	10 00
	"	"	St. John's church, Quincy	31 00
29.	"	"	Emmanuel church, Rockford	30 00
	"	"	Trinity church, Chicago	31 00
	"	"	Trinity church, Aurora	6 00
May 9.	"	"	St. Ansgarius church, Chicago	20 00
	"	"	Trinity church, Chicago, (J. L. Reynolds)	50 00
22.	"	"	James Herrington, (per Bishop Whitehouse)	5 00
14.	"	"	Trinity church, Jacksonville	5 00
24.	"	"	Rev. S. D. Pulford	10 00
	"	"	Rev. C. P. Clark (cash returned)	31 25
25.	"	"	Christ church, Waukegan	5 00
30.	"	"	Rev. R. Clarkson	85 00
June 7.	"	"	S. G. Allis	5 00
12.	"	"	Church of Atonement	27 00
Aug. 16.	"	"	Rev. John Sellwood	5 00
Oct. 3.	"	"	Grace church, Galena	24 00
13.	"	"	Rev. C. P. Clarkson	31 25
	"	"	Rev. P. Chase	25 00
17.	"	"	Rev. C. P. Clarkson	27 50
18.	"	"	Rev. A J. Warner	25 00
	"	"	Rev. Jas. Bentley	75 00
			To balance	24 35
				$1,001 44

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1854.					
Oct. 27.	By balance of account			$20 03	
	By cash paid Rev. Jas. Bentley			25	
Dec. 16.	"	"	Rev. Philander Chase	25	
1855.					
Jan. 1.	"	"	Rev. S. R. Child	30	
	"	"	Rev. F. W. Thomas	31	25
	"	"	Rev. S. R. Child	12	75
11.	"	"	Rev. Jas. Bentley	25	
12.	"	"	for circulars of committee	6	
25.	"	"	Rev. C. P. Clark	31	25
	"	"	Rev. S. R. Child	26	75
	"	"	Rev. A. J. Warner	56	25
				$289 28	

Amount carried over.

	By amount brought over			$289 28	
29.	By cash paid	Rev. S. D. Pulford		56 25	
Feb. 12.	"	"	G. P. Porter	25	
16.	"		discount on uncurrent bills	3	
24.	"	"	Rev. John Benson	31 25	
26.	"	"	Rev. Philander Chase	25	
April 1.	"	"	Rev. A. J. Warner	31 25	
	"	"	Rev. F. W. Thomas	31 25	
26.	"	"	Rev. Philander Chase	25	
May 7.	"	"	Rev. S. R. Child	18	
9.	"	"	Rev. C. Miller	31 25	
14.	"	"	Rev. C. P. Clark (refunded)	31 25	
30.	"	"	Rev. C. P. Clark (per Rev. R. H. C.)	62 50	
July 1.	"	"	F. W. Thomas	31 25	
	"	"	Rev. A. J. Warner	31 25	
	"	"	for circulars of committee	7	
23.	"	"	S. R. Child	30	
Sep. 10.	"	"	Philander Chase	25	
Oct. 13.	"	"	Rev. C. P. Clark	31 25	
	"	"	Rev. P. Chase	25	
18.	"	"	Rev. S. D. Pulford	41 66	
	"	"	Rev. A. J. Warner	31 25	
	"	"	John Benson	31 25	
	"	"	" "	31 25	
					$1,001 44

LIST OF DELINQUENT PARISHES IN THE CONTINGENT ASSESSMENT FOR EXPENSES OF THE CONVENTION—1854-5.

Trinity church ..... Aurora.
St. John's church ..... Algonquin.
Christ church ..... Collinsville.
St. Luke's church ..... Dixon.
Zion church ..... Freeport.
Zion church ..... Mendon.
Christ church ..... Metamora.
St John's church ..... Naperville.
St John's church ..... Oswego.
St Paul's church ..... Pekin.
St Jude's church ..... Tiskilwa.
Grace church ..... Vandalia.

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One hundred and fifty dollars, paid quarterly in advance: $50, October 1st; $50, January 1st, and $50 April 1st. This sum in ordinary cases will cover all expenses for the academical year of forty weeks, viz:

Board, Tuition, Room-rent, Fuel, use of Library	$120 00
Books, Stationery, Light, Washing, &c., estimated	30 00
	$150 00

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The incidental expenses of books, washing, &c., depend much upon the character and habits of the scholar as well as the studeis pursued.

All articles of clothing, including woolen garments, must be marked with the owner's name in full.